

A
B R I E F E A N D
necessarie Catechisme, or
Instruction for
Housholders. .

Not onely of them throughly to
be vnderstoode, but also requisite to be
learned by hart, of all such as shall
bee admitted vnto the
Lords Supper.

With godly priuate Prayers an-
nexed therevnto.

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Psalme. 34. 11.
Come Children, harken vnto
mee, I will teach you the feare of
ghe Lord.



British Museum, London, England

A short Catechisme, contay-
ning a declaration of the true
way to lyfe cuerla-
sting.

Verie meete to bee knowne
of euery one, before they be
admitted to the Lords
Supper.

Question.

What is the chiefeſt thing,
which euery one ought to bee
moſt carefull of, as long as
they liue?

Answer.

Euery one ought to be moſt care-
full of theſe two poyns.

First and cheſtly howe he ſcan be
ſaved in the day of iudgement, before
Gods iudgement ſeate, and to come
to lyfe euerlaſting.

3.2. Second-

A briefe and
Secandly, how to live according to
Gods holy will during our life: In
which two poynts wherby standeth
the glory of God, so much as of man
ought to be sought for.

question.

How can wee know this, how we
are discharged before Gods iudg-
ment seat?

answere.

Wee can never knowe how wee be
discharged before the iudgement seat
of God, bntill such time as we know
our owne miserable estate by reason
of the greatness of our sinnes, and the
horrible punishment which wee de-
serue for them.

question.

How deest thou know the greatness
of thy sinne, and the horrible punish-
ment due to the same?

answere.

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The greatnes of my sinne, and the
horrible punishment thereof I know
by the lawe of God, rightly vnder-
stood: the sum wherof is contained
in the ten commaundements.

question.

Rehearse the tenne commaundements:

aunsweare.

God spake all these wordes, and
saide, I am the Lord thy God which
brought thee out of the Land of E-
gypt, out of the house of bondage.

1. Thou shalt haue none other
Gods but mee.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy
selfe any grauen Image, nor the like-
nesse of any thing that is in heauen
aboue, nor in the earth beneath, nor
in the water vnder the earth, thou
shalt not bowe downe to them nor

A briſe and
Worſhippe them: for I the Lord thy
God, am a tealous God, and viſte
the ſinnes of the fathers vpon the
chyldez, vnto the third and fourth
generation of them that hate mee:
And ſhewe mercie vnto thouſands, in
them that loue mee, and keepe my
commaundements.

3 Thou ſhalt not take the Name
of the Lord thy God in vaine: For
the Lord will not hold him guiltleſſe
that taketh his Name in vaine.

4 Remembeſt thou keepe holiſt the
Sabaoth day: Sixe dayes ſhalt
thou labour and do all that thou haſt
to doe.

But the ſeauenth day is the Sa-
baoth of the Lord thy G D D: In
it thou ſhalt doe no manner of work,
thou and thy ſonne and thy daugh-
ter, thy man ſeruaunt and thy maide
ſeruaunt, thy cattell, and the ſtranger
that is within thy gates. For in ſixe
dayes

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dayes the Lord made heauen and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seauenth day: wherefore the Lorde blessed the seauenth day and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9. Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man seruaunt, nor his mayde, nor his Dre, nor hisesse, nor any thing that is his.

question

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What

A briefe and

What is the first commaundement.

aunswere.

Thou shalt haue none other Gods
but mee.

question.

What is the meaning of this com-
maundement?

aunswere.

The Lorde God straightly chat-
geth vs in the first commaundement,
that we worship God alone, which
worshippe standeth in foure poynts:
First, that wee loue God aboue all.
Secondly, that wee feare God a-
boue all. Thirdly, that we make our
prayers to none, but to G D D.
Fourthly, that wee acknowledge a-
lone God to be the guider and Go-
vernour of all thinges: of whom
we receaue all the benefites that wee
haue

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haue, and therefore that we trust and
stay vpon him alone.

question.

What is the seconde commaundement?

aunswere.

Thou shalt not make to thy selfe
any graven Image, nor the likenesse
of any thing that is in heauen aboue.
Ec.

question.

What in the meaning of this com-
maundement?

aunswere.

In this second commaundement,
be contained three things.

First, that wes should not thinke
God to be like either man or womā,
or any other thing, and therfore that
wee make no Image of God in any
case.

Secondly,

A briefe and

Secondly, that wee make no image
of any other thing, either to worship
the Image it selfe, either God, saint,
or Angel, by the Image: neither yet
to this end, to bee the better put in
mind of God by the Image.

Thirdly, that we worship not God
in any other outward worship, accord-
ing to our owne fantasies, but as
God commandeth vs in his holy word.
question.

What is the third Commaun-
dement?

answere.

Thou shalt not take the Name of
the Lord thy God in vaine.

question.

What is the meaning of this com-
maundement?

Answer.

God chargeth vs in this third com-
maundement these three things.

First, that we vs with most high
reuerence

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reuerence the Name of God, when-
soeuer we eyther speake or think vp-
pon him.

Secondly, that wee never blas-
phem the Name of God, by coniu-
ring, witchcraft, sorcerie, or char-
ming, or any such like: neither by cur-
sing nor banning.

Thirdly, that wee never sweare by
the Name of God in our commen-
talke, although the matter be never
so true: But onely wheres the glory
of God is sought: or the saluation
of our Brethren: Or also before a
Magistrate, in witnessing the truth,
when wee are there unto lawfullie
called.

In which causes wee must ones-
ly sweare by the Name of G D.
But as for Saints, Angels, Roode,
Booke, Crosie, Massie, or any other
thing, wee ought in no case by them
to sweare.

question

A briefe and
question.

What is the fourth commannde-
ment?

aunswere.

Remember that thou keepe holie
the Sabaoth day, &c.

question.

What is the meaning of this com-
manndeinent?

aunswere.

The hallowing of the Sabaoth
day, is to rest from all our labours
in our calling: and in one place to
assemble our selues together, and
with feare and reuerence to heare,
marke, and lay vp in our hearts the
wordes of G D D pzeached vnto vs.
To pray altogether, that which we
understand, with one consent: And
at the tymes appointed, to vse the
Sacraments in sayth & repenteance:
And all our lyfe long to rest from
wicked-

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wickednes: that the Lord by his ho-
ly Spirit may worke in vs his good
worke, and so begin in this life, the
everlasting rest.

question.

What is the fift Commaunde-
ment?

aunswere.

Honour thy Father and thy me-
ther.

question.

What is the meaning of this com-
maundement?

aunswere.

The meaning of this fift comman-
dement is, that wee should honour,
(that is to say) loue, feare, obey, and
reuerence our Parents, or any other
that are vnto vs in theyr steede: As
our Princes, Rulers, & Magistrate,
our Pastours & Teachers; our Shei-
pers & all other whiche are aboue vs

A briefe and
in any calling, placed by God: the
aged & gray-headed: and that all **Su-**
periors shewe themselves indeede
Parents, in defending and guiding
they^z inferiors,

question.

What is the sixt commandement?
answere.

Thou Shalt do no murther.
question.

What is the meaning of this com-
maundement?

answere.

First, the Lorde God forbiddeth
vs in this sixt commaundement, all
killing, fighting, and quarrelling, all
reproches, mocks, and taunts.

Secondly, he forbiddeth all killing
in hart, that is, all anger and malice,
all desire of reuenge.

Thirdly, on the other side he com-
maundeth vs to p[re]serue life, by ex-
e[rc]ise

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excising the workes of mercy, & comm-
passion towards our brethren, yea, &
men towards our enemies.

Fourthly, to loue one another in-
wardly in our selues: yea, even our
enemies, and them that hate vs.
question.

What is the seauenth commaund-
ment?

answere.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
question.

What is the meaning of this com-
maundement?

answere.

Wee are forbidden in this seauenth
commaundement: first, all adulterie,
fornication, and all other vncleannes
in our bodies.

Secondly, all unpure thoughts,
and lusts of the hart.

Thirdly, all other things which
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might entice to such buncleanenes, as
all burchast behaviour, filthy talke
and songs, wanton apparell, lewde
and idle pastimes, gluttony, drun-
kennesse, houses of open whordome,
and whatsoeuer else may allure vs to
buncleanenes.

Fourthlie, on the other side, hee
commaundeth vs to keep our bodies
and soules chaste and pure, as Tem-
ples of the holy Ghost: or if the gift
of chastitie be not given vs, then to
use the lawfull remedy appointed by
God, which is marriage.

Question.

What is the eight comandement?
aunswere.

Thou shalt not steale.

question.

What is the meaning of thy com-
maundement?
aunswere.

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In this eight commandement, the Lord God forbiddeth all stealing and robbing in outward deedes.

Secondly, hee forbiddeth all stealing in hart, that is, all desire of any mans goods wrongfully.

Thirdly, hee forbiddeth all deceipt and wrongfull dealing.

Fourthly, on the other side, hee chargeth vs that we be content with that portion of goods which the lord giueth vs: to apply our selues in our vocation and calling, to get our own living, and to liue of that which is our owne, and also to be helpfull unto others.

question.

What is the ninth commaundement?

aunswere.

Thou shalt not beare false witnes against thy neighbour.

question.

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What in the meaning of this com-
maundement ?
aunswere.

The Lord God in this ninth com-
maundement, doth command vs first,
that we shold never speake falsly in
witnes bearing.

Secondly, that not only in witnes
bearing, but also in no other matter
we shold neyther lye, flatter, nor dis-
semble.

Thirdly, that we shold never tell
false tales behynd our neighbours
backe, nor heare them of others: that
we shold never beleue any evil spo-
ken behynd their backs, vntill we ful-
lie know the certainty.

Fourthly, in p[ri]uate offences to
speake nothing, although it be true,
to the hurting of our Brothers good
name, if by p[ri]uate admonitions hee
may be wonne.

question,

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what is the tenth commaundement?

Aunswere.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house. &c.

question.

what is the meaning of this commaund?

Aunswere.

Heere the Lord in plaine wordes dooth forbid all inward desire, whatsoever is unlawfull to be doone, although we never consent vnto it, as the rebellion of the flesh, all corruption of the old man, all blot of original staine, so that by this commaundement, most clearely we may see the Image of that man þ pleasest God: even such a one in whom nothing is impure, neither in will nor nature.

question.

Canst thou fulfill these commaundements, without breaking any one

A briefe and
of them?

aunswere.

These are the commandements of
almighty God, the perfect fulfilling
wherof no flesh can attaine vnto, no
although I doe all that I can, yet I
breake them daily, both in thought,
word, and deede.

question.

What punishment dooth God ap-
poynt for breaking any one of them?

aunswere.

The punishment for the breaking
of the least commandement, euen
in thought, yea, if it were but once
broken in all my life, is the everla-
sting curse of G D D, whitch contay-
neth all the torments that can be de-
vised both of soule and bodie, and
in the Scripture is called by diuers
names, to expresse the payne, as
hell fire, the worme that never dy-
eth,

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eth, bitter darknesse, burning Lake, second death, damnation, and such like.

question.

Is there nothing which a man can doe in this worlde, to serue as a sufficient recompence to G D for one sinne?

answere.

No, although I shold giue al my goods to the poore, or suffer my body to be whipped all my life long, or suffer any other punishment which might be deuised, it is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes.

question.

Yea, but God is mercifull, wil he thereforee punish sinne so sharplie, thinkest thou?

Answer.

Our G D in deede is mercifull, but he is also iust and true, and

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A briefe and
therefore must needes of Justice and
trouth, punish mans sinne with that
punishment whiche he hath appoin-
ted.

question.

Seeing then this punishment
must needes be suffered, are we in
our selues able to suffer it, and over-
come it:

answere.

None is able to suffer and over-
come this great punishment of sinne
being onely man.

question.

Is there then no meane at all
wherby we may be saued from these
paines everlasting?

Answere.

The paines whiche our sinnes de-
serve, must needes be suffered by
man, because God of his iustice must
needes punish sinne in man, whiche
was committed by man, and there-
fore

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fore our Saviour Christ being eternall lasting God, became also man, and hath fully suffered whatsoever was due for mans sinne.

question.

Are not then all people discharged, seeing the punishment is paid.

answerte.

None are discharged, sauing those that take holde vpon Christ, and his meritts with a true faith.

Question.

What callest thou this true fayth ?
answerte.

Thys true and lively fayth, is a full persuasion and assurance of my hart, grounded vpon the promise of God, and wrought in mee by the helpe of the Ghost, whereby I am fully assured, that whatsoever Christ hath wrought for mans saluation, pertaineth not onely to others, but euen to

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A briefe and
mee, and is so holy mine, as surely as
if I performed þ same in mine owne
person.

question.

How can it be that thy sinnes are
forgiuen thee, and yet according to
god's truth fully punished with that
punishment which GOD hath ap-
pointed for Anne?

Answer.

By this my true fayth, I see my
sinnes both to be forgiuen, and yet
fully punished: for in Jesus Christ
to satisfie God's iustice, they be ful-
lie punished, and yet to me they be
forgiuen, because in mee they be not
punished, but in Christ for mee, to
set foorth God's mercie, and therfore
shall never bee layde to my charge:
In this manner therefore I see the
Lord my God, to vs both mercifull
and iust.

question

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question.

Yea, but although the punishment of thy sinnes be paid in Christ, yet seeing there can no vnrighteousnesse dwell with GOD, howe canst thou stand before Gods iudgement seate as righteous and iust, seeing thou hast no righteousness, but such as is stayned with so many sinnes;

Answer.

I stand as iust and righteous before the throne of God, not cloathed with mine owne righteousness, which I haue wrought in mine own person, but with the righteousness of Jesus Christ: which righteousness, being taken hold vpon by a true faith, is made mine. Thus am I iust in the sight of God, not in respect of mine own works which I haue wrought,
but

A briefe and
but taking holde vpon Christ his
workes to be mine by sayth.

question.

Doth not this make men to runne
into all sinne and wickednes?

answere.

No, for the true faith, as soone as
it is wrought in vs through the holy
Ghost, doth frame our harts a newe,
and causeth vs to detest, hate, loathe
and abhorre sinne in all men, but espe-
cially in our selues, and maketh vs to
haue our whole delight and ioy, in
those thinges whiche be agreeable to
Gods will, and causeth vs also to ex-
presse the same in our life and conuer-
sation, or else it is no true faith, but a
dead sayth.

question.

I Rehears the summe of this sayth.
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Queswere.

I Beleue in G D the Father al-
mighty, maker of heauen & earth:
And in Jesus Christ his onely Son
our Lord: which was conceiued by
the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine
Mary. H^ee suffered vnder Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and bu-
ried, hee descended into hell, and the
third day he rose againe from death.
H^ee ascended into heauen, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence shall hee
come to judge the quick and the dead.
I beleeue in the holy ghost. The ho-
ly Catholique Church: the commu-
nion of Saints: the forgiuenesse of
sinner. The resurrection of the bo-
die. And the lyfe euerlasting. So
be it.

question.

What

A briefe and
What is the effect of this Creede:
aunswere.

This Creede contayneth fourre
especiall poynts.

First, what wee ought to beleue
concerning God the Father: Se-
condly, concerning God the Sonne.
Thirdly, concerning God the holie
Ghost. Fourthly, concerning Gods
people called the Church.

question.

What belieuest thou in the first part
concerning God the Father.
aunswere.

First, I beleue that God the Fa-
ther through Christ into whose bo-
die I am grafted by faith, is not one-
lic a Father of the faithfull, but e-
uen my Father, and therefore loueth
me.

Secondly, that hee is almighty,
that is, that he hath all power in his
han^d.

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hand, guiding and ruling all things: so that nothing can be done in heauen, earth, nor hell, without his prouidence.

question.

What beleeuest thou in the second part, concerning God the Sonne,

answere.

I beleeue that Jesus Christ, one God in substance with the Father and the holy Ghost, tooke flesh of the Virgin, & is become perfect man & I am, in all things, in onely excepted: and in my nature hath wrought for mee whatsoever was needfull for my salvation.

Question.

What meanest thou when thou sayest. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Answer.

Because

A briefe and

Because the manner of death
which men doe suffer by the sentence
of the Judge, and vnder the tytlic of
Justice, is more shameful, flaunde-
rous, and terrible, then if a man
should die naturally in his bed, theres-
fore Christ tooke on him our person,
to shewe himselfe before an earthly
Judge, and to be condemned by the
mouth of Ioylate, hec beeing then
Judge, that thereby we might be
cleared before the iudgement seate of
G D D.

question.

What meanest thou when thou
sayest: Christ was crucified, dead,
and buried?

aunswere.

First, I meane, in that hee was
crucified, that hee suffered the death
of the croffe, which was an abhomi-
nable and cursed death, to suffer me
from

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from the curse which was due for my
Annes.

Secondly, for as much as death
was a punishment due vnto man for
Anne, therefore our Saviour did suf-
fer death, and by suffering ouercame
death. For in his death dooth lye the
principall poynt of our salvation: for
if hee had not beeue truely dead, wee
should be yet subiect to eternall death
and damnation.

Thirdly, hee was buried for the
more greater confirmation of his
death and resurrection. And to the
intent to make it more certainlie
knowone vnto vs, it pleased him also
to be buried after the common man-
ner of men, and that by two notable
persons, Nicodemus, and Joseph
of Aramathea, which was done also
by the will and consent of Pilate,
who caused the body to be delivered
vnto

A briefe and
vnto them: question.

What meanest thou concerning
this, that Christ descended into hell.

Answer.

Where it is saide that Christ descended into hell, thereby I beleue that Christ did not only suffer in his body the punishment due to my bo-
die, but also in his soule, the punish-
ment due to my soule, whiche was
the torments of hell, second death,
sorrowes of death, and abiection
from GOD: as it doth appeare by
the anguish of his soule in the Gar-
den, when drops of blood issued out
of his body, and also vpon the crosse
by his lamentable cry to his Father:
For in a miserable case had we been,
if hee had suffered onely the punish-
ment due to our bodies & not to our
soules.

question

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question.

What fruite hast thou by this death
of Christ?

Answere.

First, I believe that this death
and punishment which Christ suffe-
red, is the appeasing of Gods wrath,
and a full satisfaction to God for all
my sinnes.

Secondly that as hee is dead for
sinne, so he will cause sinne to die in
my mortall body.

question.

What profit hast thou by the rising
again of Christ?

answere.

First, I am assured by his rising
from death, that hee hath overcome
death, hell, and sinne, and hath uni-
shed my iustification.

Secondly, that as he is risen from
death, so hee causeth me as a member
of him, to rise from sinne, and delight

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in

A briefe and
in righteousness.

Thirdly, his rising againe is a sure
pledge to mee, that my body shall in
like manner rise againe.

question.

What is the meaning of this, that
Christ, Ascended into heauen?
answere.

Christ, as touching the manhead,
is onely in heauen: but in his God-
head, and comfort of his holy Spi-
rit, hee is with vs to the ende of the
world.

question.

What good gettest thou by the as-
cending of Christ into heauen?
answere.

First, Christ his ascending into
heauen, is a sure pledge unto mee,
that I shal in like manner as a mem-
ber of him, by his power, be received
into heauen, in the same nature wher
in he is ascended.

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Secondly, Christ hauing ascended into Heaven, maketh continuall intercession for me.

question.

What is the meaning of this, that Christ sitteth at the right hand of God the Father?

Answer.

Christ sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father, that is, hath all power giuen him of the Father ouer all things.

question.

What fruite doost thou receive by this, that Christ shall come to judge the quicke and the dead?

answerc.

To me that am a member of Christ it is a singuler comfort, whē I know assuredly that none shal be my Judge but hee that is my Saviour: But terrible it will be to those that flee from Christ, when they shall see him

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come.

A briefe and
come to iudge them, whom they in
their life time refused.
question.

What beleeuest thou in the third
part, concerning G D D, The holy
Ghost?

answerc.

I beloeue that God the holy ghost,
sealeth into my hart all Christes be-
nefites to be mine, and maketh me to
die in me, and stirreth me vp to righ-
teousnes and holines of life.

question.

Seeing there is but one only God
why namest thou the Father, the
Sonne, and the helpe Ghost?

answerc.

Because God hath so opened him
selfe in his woorde, that these three
sundry persons are in substance, but
one true and everlasting God.

question.

Nowe let vs come to the fourth
part

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part, what callest thou the Catho-
lique Church?

Aunswere.

The Catholique Church, is the
whole companie of the true faithfull
people, which ever were since the be-
gining of the world in all places,
which also be now, and shall be to the
end of the world. Of the which num-
ber I beleue that I am one. I be-
leue also that God knoweth them
all, and hath a most tender care over
them.

Question.

What callest thou, The Commu-
nion of Saints?

Aunswere.

The Communion of Saints, is
the societie that all we which beleue
haue one with another, as members
of one head, Iesus Christ, whereby

A briefe and

Wee are readie to communicate all
Gods benefites, both spirituall and
tempozall, to the mutuall health and
comfort one of another, according to
the measure whiche wee haue received
of God in this life.

Question.

What is it to beleue the forgiuenes
of sinnes.

answere.

I beleue that Jesus Christ hath
wholy appeased God for my sinnes,
and paid the full punishment due to
them, and therefore, that they be free-
lie forgiuen me, and shal never be laid
to my charge.

question.

What beleuist thou of the rising a-
gaine of the bodie?

answere.

I beleue that after this life en-
ded, my soule shall goe to God that
gave it, and my bodie shall rest in the
grave,

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gracie, vntill the appointed time, and then I shall see God in my flesh, and mine eyes shall looke vpon him, and this my body shall be made like vnto the glorious body of Christ, without all corruption.

question.

What is that thou sayest of life euer-lasting?

answere.

I believe, that when God shall raise againe this my bodie, and ioyn me it again to my soule, that then I shall liue with Christ for euer in his euer-lasting kingdome of glory.

question.

By what meanes doe wee attaine to this sayth, which thou hast heere confessed?

answere

The holie Ghost hath appointed the preaching of the word to bee the ordinary

A briefe and

ordinarie meanes whereby hee wor-
keth in our hearts this true and liue-
ly fayth, and without this preaching
of the Word, wee can never haue
fayth.

question.

Aster that God by the meanes of
his word hath wrought in our hartes
fayth, by what meanes afterward
doth he strengthen the same,
aunswere.

Thys fayth doth God strengthen
in vs by the selfe same preaching of
the Worde, and also by the vse of the
Sacraments.

question.

What callest thou the Sacra-
ments?

aunswere.

Sacraments bee outward signes
ordayned of God for the greater as-
surance, and strengthening of our
fayth, beeing vnto vs sure pledges
of

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of those benefits of our Saluation
which we receine in Christ to be
ours, and are represented vnto vs
by the outward signes of water in
Baptisme, and Bread and Wine in
the Supper of the Lord.

They serue also for a marke of our
profession, whereby we differ from oþ
ther people which be heathen.

question.

How many Sacraments be there.

answere.

There be two Sacraments, that is
to say, Baptisme, and the Supper of
the Lord.

question.

What strength of fayth hast thou
through Baptisme.

answere.

I am taught and assured by Bap-
tisme, that my sinnes are forgiuen-
mee: for as the water washeth a-
way the filthinesse of my boode, even
so

A briefe and

So should I through the holy ghost,
bee thereby fully certified and per-
swaded, that the blood of Jesus
Christ being sprinkled vpon my sonle,
by the hand of faith, hath washed a-
way both the guiltinesse of my sinne,
and the punishment due to the same:
the fruit and effect wherof appeareth
herein, that through the power of
Christes death & resurrection, I am
dead as touching sinne, and raised vp
againe in newnes of life: whiche two
thinges, in whom soever they ap-
peare not, they may well haue the
name and title of baptisme, but indeed
they are no Christians.

question?

What strength of faith doe we find
in the use of the Lords supper?

answere

The Supper of the Lord through
the holie Ghost, doth strenchen my
faith,

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fayth, that I shoulde not doubt, but as surely as I receiue the Bread and Wine into my body to becom wholie mine, so my soule receieth with all Christ, with his passion and righteousnesse to be wholy mine, as surelie as if I had wrought them mine owne selfe.

question.

Are not then the Bread and wine in the Supper of the Lorde, turned into the body and blood of Christ?

answer.

The Bread and Wine, as touching theyr nature and substance, are not changed: but as touching the use of them, they differ from common Bread and Wine, in that they are appointed of God to serue unto vs as sealnes and pledges of those benefites whiche Christ in his body wrought for vs.

question.

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A briefe and

In what manner oughtest thou
to p[re]pare thy selfe to the receiuing
of these misteries?

Answer.

In preparing my selfe to receive
the Supper of the Lord, I ought
diligentlie to obserue these three
things.

First, to examine my selfe whe-
ther I stand in faith or no, which I
shali know, if I feele my hart assured
by the spirit of God, that the punish-
ment of my sinnes is fully discharged
in Christ, and whatsoeuer hee hath
done, pertaineth not onely to others,
but even to mee.

Secondly, to examine my selfe
whether I finde my hart inwardlie
sorrie for my sinnes, with an inward
hatred and loathing of sin, and an ear-
nest desire & a sure purpose, whole-
lie to conforme my selfe to the will of
Gods word.

Thirdly

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Thirdly, if any offence be betwixt others and mee, that I may reconcile my selfe vnto them. All these things although they ought earnestly to bee considered in the whole course of our life, yet then especially, when we com to the Supper of the Lord.

question.

Nowe, seeing wee bee saued by Christes works, without our deseruings, whereto then nowe serueth our well dweling, or what availeth it to doe good works?

answerc.

Wee must doe good works, not to deserue our saluation by them, but by our works to glorie God, in walking as becommeth Gods chyl-
dren, declaring thereby our thankfulnessse to God for our redemption. Secondly, by our works, to make our election moze certaine vnto our sciuers. Thirdly, to winne other to

Christ

A briefe and
Christ by our holie life and conuersa-
tion.

question.

What workes calleſt thou good
workes?

answere.

Our workes can never bee accep-
table and good in the sight of GOD;
vnlesſe in doing them we keepe these
two things: first, that they be fra-
med according to the rule of Gods
Lawes and commaundements, and
not after our owne deuises.

Secondly, that they yproceed from
an heart purged by fayth. If eyther
of these two poynts be lacking, our
workes are abhominable in the eyes
of God, although they appeare neuer
so glorioſus in the sight of men.

question.

Because Prayer is our ſpectall
meaneſ. Which GOD will haue
vs

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vs vse to increase our foyth, tell me
what belongeth to true prayer.

answere.

It is requisite in true prayer & that
we obserue these fuen things.

First, that wee make our prayers
only to God, through Christ, and
not to Saints.

Secondly, that wee be inwardlie
touched with the neede of the thing
wee aske, having our mind wholy
bent therupon, and not carried away
with by thoughts.

Thirdly, that our prayers bee
grounded vpon gods promises, with
full assurance that they shall be gra-
nted, so farre as the Lord doth know
them to bee meete and needfull for
vs.

Fourthly, that wee continue in
prayer, although we haue not our re-
quest at the first.

Fifthly, that wee aske not those
things

A briefe and
things which we thinke good in our
owne fantasie, but onely that which
God commandeth vs to aske of him.
All which things be contained in the
Lords prayer,

question.

Rehearse the Lords prayer.
answere.

OUR Father which art in hea-
uen, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdome come. Thy will be done
in earth as it is in heauen. Give vs
this day our daily bread. And forgiue
vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them
that trespass against vs. And leade
vs not into temptation, but deliuer
vs from euill. For thine is the king-
dome, and the power, and the gloorie,
for euer and euer. Amen.

question.

what doest thou desire of God in
thys prayer?

Ans-

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aunswere.

First, I desire of our heauenly father, that his Name may be hallooned: First in his excellent worfes, which is, when we acknowledge his mercie, wisedome, iustice, and prouidence, that hee alone worketh all thinges: and that onely the Loide God be had in honour, all other sette aside. Secondly, that his Name may be glorified in our godly liuing and conuersation.

In the second petition, wee desire God that his kingdome may come, that is, that hee will declare himselfe to be King ouer his Church, in guiding and defending it, in increasing of the number of the faythfull, in thrusting foorth labourers into his haruest, and blessing their labours, and suppreſſing the rage of wicked Tyrants.

Secondly, that he will exercise his
D. King-

A briefe and
kingdome seuerally in every one of
vs, killing sinne in vs, and all world-
lie care, and renewing vs to righte-
ousnes of life.

In the thirde petition wee desire
that Gods will may be doone, that
is, that wee may willingly in all
things resigne our selues to Gods
will, without murmuring or grud-
ging.

In the fourth petition wee pray
that hee will giue unto vs, walking
faithfully in our calling, our dailie
bread, that is, all things needfull for
our living for this present life.

In the fift petition wee pray, that
our sinnes may be forgiuen vs, that
hee will not lay to our charge our
sinnes, nor the punishment due to
them, but that hee will accept þ death
and passion of Christ, as the full sa-
tisfaction for our sinnes, and that
we may hereof haue full assurance in
our

necessary Catechisme.

our conscience, that the punishment
of our sinnes is fully discharged in
Christ, and therefore freely forgiuen
vnto vs, as surely as we do forgiue
others: and that wee may loue one
another from the bottom of our
hares, all desire of reuenge set aside.

In the sixt and last petition, wee
doe pray vnto God, that he wil not
leade vs into temptation, but deliver
vs, that is, that hee wil not bring vs
further into the battell with our spi-
rituall enemies, then we by his holy
Spirit shall be able to preuaile and
overcome.

question.

And why is this added: For thine
is the kingdome, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

answere.

Not onely to kindle in our harts,
to desire the glory of GOD, but

D 2 also

A briefe and
also to teach vs, that thys prayer is
grounded vpon none other then on
God onely: and that wee should not
thinke the kingdome of GOD to be
weake, and boyde of force & might.
And that he onely is to be honored,
prayed, and glorified, and that his
power is infinite, perpetuall, and es-
terlasting.

And in this word, Amen, is ex-
pressed the feruent desire to obtaine
those things whiche we aske of God,
and our hope is confirmed, that those
things whiche we askis are graunted
vnto vs, by whiche our consciences
is pacified, & so we end our prayers.
question.

Tell mee nowe briefly the effect of
all thou hast said.

aunswere.

By the tenne Commaundements
I see my miserable estate, that I de-
serue death, damnation, & the curse
of

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of God, which must needes be paid,
because God is iust. And where as
I my selfe am not able to pay it, the
holie Ghost, through the p[re]aching
of the Gospell worketh in mee faith,
which assureth me that the sonne of
God beeing made man for me, hath
been in my nature suffered what so-
ever my sinnes deserued, and hath
made mee with him the childe of God,
and heire of everlasting life. Where-
of least I should doubt or wauer, he
hath appointed two Sacraments,
as outward signes and tokens to be
seen and felt of mee: that as surely
as I ex my selfe made partaker of
them outwardly, so the holie Ghost
inwardly instructing mee, I shoule
never doubt, but inwardly be parta-
ker of Christ himselfe, with all his
benefites, his rausome, righteousness
and holines to bee mine, that in
him, and through him, I shall haue

The Prayer.

life everlasting. And thus beeing
borne a newe into this luelie hope,
by the holy Ghost, my wates should
be directed & guided by the same spyp-
rit, to walke in holinesse and righte-
ousnes all the dayes of my life.

A prayer contayning the effect of this Catechisme.

O Mercifull and heauenly Fa-
ther, for so much as at euery
night occasion, I am drawne from
thy holy Lawes, to the vanities of
this life, and vnto all sinne and wic-
kednesse, I beseech thee in mercy set
before mine eyes alwayes the re-
membrance of thy iudgement seate,
and my last end: wherby I may be-
daily stirred vp to consider in what
great danger I stand through the
horrible punishment due to my sins,
that daily groaning vnder the burden

The Prayer.

of them, I may flee for succour to thy
beloued son Jesus Christ, who hath
fully payde, suffered and ouercome,
the punishment due to them : and
through the working of thy holy
Spirit in me, I may bee fully assu-
red in my soule and conscience, that
the curse, condemnation and death,
which these my sinnes deserue, is ful-
ly payde, suffered, and ouercome in
Christ, that his righteousnes, obedi-
ence, and holines is mine, and what
soeuer hee hath wrought for mans
saluation, is wholly mine. Streng-
then this fayth in me daily more and
more, that I may inwardly feele com-
fort and consolation in this, that I
feel thy holy Spirit, beare recorde
unto my spirit, that I am thy childe,
grafted into the body of thy Sonne,
and made with him fellowe heires
of thine everlasting Kingdome. So
workes in me by thy holy Spirit, that
daily

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daily more and more I may feele sin
dye in mee, that I doe not delight
therein, but daily may grone vnder
the burthen thereof: vterlie hate,
detest, and loathe sinne, set my selfe,
and all the powers of my soule a-
gainst sin, and haue my full delight,
joy, comfort, and pleasure, in those
thinges whiche bee agreeable to thy
will, that I may walke as becom-
meth the chylde of light, looking still
for that good tyme, when it shall
please thee to call me to thine everla-
sting kingdom and joy eternall: this
in mercie graunt vnto mee, for Iesu
Christ his sake, my Lorde, and Sa-
uour. Amen.

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F I R T S . I

GODLY
Priuate Prayers, for
Householders to medi-
tate vpon, and to say in
their Families.

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*¶ What soever yee desire when you
pray, beleue that you shall haue it,
and it shall be done vnto you.*

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Godlie priuate Prayers,
for Housholders to be saide
in theyr Families.

A Prayer contayning the effect
of the Housholders Cate-
chisme.

Almightie G O D
and most mercifull
father, I see in thy
blessed Lawes, and
comaunderments, the
greatnes of my sins
and wickendesse: yea, I see, O Lord
my God, the whole course of my life

Godly prayers.

to be almost nothing else, but a continual breaking of thy holy lawes and commandements. The thoughts of my heart (either in vanitie, or else open wickednes) are in number infinite, dailie in the abundance of them, causing my mouth to speake, and my bodie to execute, and do contrarie to thy holie will. And againe, (O Lord) I see thy heauie wrath, vengeance, and iudgement against sinne to be intollerable, that euен the least wicked thoughts & most secrete cogitation of thy hart, procureth thy heauie wrath, and euerlasting curse, the tormentes of hell and euerlasting fire, euен although I had but once in all my life broke any of thy commandements, so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord GOD) that thou art true and iust, and canst not abide sinne and wickednes, but wilt iustly punish euery sinne,

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anne, euен with the selfe same toyz-
ments of hell, whiche thy iustice hath
appointed, euен for euery sinne.
This O Lord my God, throweth
me downe, and euен amazeth mee so
that I know not what to doe. I
ooke into my selfe, viewing mine
owne power, whether I am able to
overcome this punishment of my
sinne or no: and I see that all euен
the most exquisite punishment whiche
I can devise to my selfe, in whipping
of my bodie as long as I live, wea-
ring hayre-cloath, pyning my selfe
with fasting, or any other payne, I
see, I see (O Lord) that all this pu-
nishment is not sufficient for one of
my least sinnes, because it deserueth
euен the everlasting paines of hell.
I looke to heauen, I see there is
no Saint, nor Angel, able to abide,
and overcome this punishment of
sinne: I looke to men in this world,
euен

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even to the Popes treasure, that
wicked man of sinne, and I see that
nayther his masse, nor purgatory, pil-
grimage, pardons, penance, satis-
factions, nor any of such like wicked
stufte, alas I see they are nothing
for the satisfying for one of my least
wicked thoughts, seeing the punishment
is due by the iust decree and
sentēce of thy everlasting curse. Wher
fore I am driven out from my selfe,
and all that I can doe, to seeke this
punishment discharged otherwherē,
or else to quale vnder the burthenē
I see there is no help for me in An-
gels, Haines, nor mortall men, but
only in that perfect man Christ Je-
sus thy deere Sonne in whom I see
the full punishment of my sin wholy
payd, satisfied, discharged, and ouer-
come: death vanquished, the paynes
of hell in victorie swallowed vp, the
curse satisfied, and the eternitie of the
punish-

Godly prayers.

punishment (through his unending power) auer-erched. This I see (O Lorde) by the eyes of fayth, beeing through thy holy spirit, who-
he assured, that all the whole punish-
ment of sinne paide by my Saviour
Christ, is not onely paide for other
men, but even also for me and my
sinne. This assurance of my fayth
being thine onely worke in mee, I be-
seech thee in mercy to strengthen and
increase, for I feele it often full of
wauering and doubting. Graunt
that I may daily more and more in
my soule and conscience, feele my selfe
knit and grafted into the body of thy
sonne, whereby I may bee assured,
that whatsoeuer he hath doone, per-
taineth to me, and is fully and who-
le mine: that I may through the po-
wer of his death, feele sinne darlie die
in mee, and through the power of his
resurrecation feele my selfe risen from
sinne,

Godly prayers.

Erne, to haue my full ioy and com-
fort in those things which be agree-
able to thy holie will, utterly de-
testing, hating, and abhorring from
my hart all thinges, which be contra-
rie to thy will and pleasure: that e-
uen in this life I may still looke for
his endlesse ioy and felicitie, vsing the
things of this worlde, as though I
vsed them not, till that good time
that it shall please thee to call mee to
thine everlasting kingdome of glorie,
there to raigne with my Lozde
and Sauour Iesus Christ
for euer and euer.

Amen.

A

Godly prayers.

¶ A prayer vpon the Lords Prayer.

The first petition.

**¶ Our Father which art in
heauen.**

O Most mightie Lord and eternall
GOD, who hast by thy deere
sonne Christ Iesu our lorde and Sa-
aviour, reconciled vnto thy selfe all
things in heauen and earth, and in
him hast made an everlasting bond
and covenant with vs thy faith-
full children, that thou wile not once
lste be our God, but also our most lou-
ing and mercifull Father, where-
of as a pledge thou hast giuen vs
thy holy spirit of adoption, whereby
wee may with boldnes and full trust
and confidence come to thee by hartie
prayer, as vnto our most louing and

¶

mer-

Godly prayers.

mercifull Father, beeing assured that thou wilt not denie any thing which thou knowest shall be expedient for vs: graunt wee beseech thee (deere Father) that we beeing fullie persuaded in our hearts of this thy fatherly loue and affection towarde vs, may bee stirred vp to make our petitiones with such an affection, ardent desire, loue and reuersence to thy Maiestie, that our minds be not carried away with by-thoughts, creeping in, but without all wandring, may be fully bent and attentiuе to the thing we aske, and fully stede upon thy mercifull and iust protection.

¶ Hallowed be thy Name.

¶ Then beseech thee (deere Father) that thou wilt strengthen our

Godly prayers.

our harts with thy holy spirit, that
considering thou hast made al things
for the glory of thy Name, so we may
in all our doings, enterp̄t̄ses, coun-
sel̄s, and purposes, chiefly aboue all
things seek thy glory: that we may
fully acknowledge thee not onely the
Authoꝝ of all thinges, but the Ruler,
guider, and gouernour of all things,
both in heauen and earth: that wee
neuer diminish thy incomprehensible
glory, by attributing vnto our selues
any power, strenged̄, or abilitie to
doe, will, or thinke that whiche is
good: but from our hearts wee may
acknowledege all our goodnes to come
from thee, yeelding for the same con-
tinually praise and thanksgiving, to
thy glorious Name: that wee neuer
by distrusting thy mercifull promi-
dence, dishonour thy name, but that
euē in our greatest distres we may
put our full confidence in thee, not

Godly prayers.

looking vpon our weaknes, but stayng vpon thy power and promises, by harty prayer, fleeing vnto thee our onely refuge: that our whole life may bee so framed according to thy holy will in all poynts, that thy gloriouſ Name in vs may be sanctified, and that wee be not an occasion that thy holy name be blasphemed thorugh our wicked life and conuersion.

The ſecond petition.

g Thy kingdome come.

Let thy kingdome, (most merciful Father) appcare, and maniſtly be declared in all the worlde, bat eſpecially amongſt thy Church, and faſthfull flockes: declare thy ſelue Loze and King ouer them, rulynge them by the ſcepter of thy holy word, and force of thy holy ſpirit. Encrease the

Godly prayers.

the number of faithfull Pastors and
Preachers among the people: blesse
their labours, to the increase of this
kingdome of thy deere sonne Jesus
Christ, and to the destruction of the
kingdom of sathan and Antichrist.
Suppresse the rage of the cnemis, that
they may knowe that thou (O
Lord) doost raigne in all ages, to the
 behoofe of thy Church, and terrour
of thine enemis. Graunt these mer-
ties good Lord, not onely to a whols
Church in generall, but especially to
euerie one of vs thy children parti-
cularly, grant that wee may effectu-
ally feele the force of this thy king-
dome in our hearts. Beate downe in
vs our olde corrupt Adam, with all
sinfull delights, thoughts, motions,
and desires: and renewe in vs day by
day our spirituall and inward man,
that wee may be wholely bent to de-
light, think, desire, and doe those

Godly prayers.
things which bee acceptable in thy
sight.

The third petition.

*g Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heauen.*

F Rame our harts, good Lord, with
such humble obedience to thy holy
will, that we may be hartilie well
content with whatsoever it pleasest
thy goodness to lay vpon vs: that
we never leasce in our miseries, but
continually call vpon thee by heartie
prayers, although we feele no release
at all, yet that still patiently we may
abide, and quietly waite for thy good
leisure and appointed time of deli-
verance, when thou knowest it shall
be most expedient for vs.

The

Godly prayers.

The fourth petition.

*g Give vs this day our dai-
lie bread.*

Grant vs, deere Father, that all our counsels, studies, labours, and endeouours, beynge by thy holis spirit guided and framed, wee may every one in that vocation in which thou hast placed him, so faithfullie trauails to the discharging of our consciences, and edifying of thy Church: that our account may be found acceptable before thy thone and iudgement seate. So blesse our labours and trauailes, that wee may haue sufficient for the preseruing of this present life, and be content with those benefits whiche thou shalt bestowe vpon vs, whether they be many or fewe, acknowledging them to

Godly prayers.

bee received of thee: not greedily to
care for them, or bainly to delight in
them, and thankfully esteeme of
them as thy benefits bestowed vpon
vs, and as faithfull Stewards mo-
derately to vse them, to the releefe of
our Brethren, and the discharge of
our consciences.

The first petition.

*F*orgive vs our trespasses as wee
forgive them that trespass
against vs.

*E*ncrease in vs (O Lord) the
gift of fayth, that wee may daille
more and more in our soules and con-
sciences bee assured that our sinnes
be defaced, cleane blotted out, and
conced with the full, perfect and
sufficient sacrifice of thy deere sonne
Christ Iesu our Lord and Saviour
once

Godly prayers.

Once made for vs: that wee are hys-
ted, knit, and made one bodie with
him, pertakers of his righteousness,
iustification, and holinesse, and eu-
er fellow heires with him of euerlasting
life: that wee may vnfainedlie from
the bottome of our hearts loue thce
for this thine vnspeakable goodness
and mercy, forgetting from our harts
our Brethren whiche dee offend vs,
pray for them, loue, cherish, and com-
fort them as fellow members all of
one bodie, with perfect naturall loue
and compassion linked together to
our head Christ Iesus.

The sixth petition.

¶ Lead us not into temptation.

S Trengthen vs, good Lord with
thy holy Spirit, that we be not o-
vercome with the subtle suggesti-
ons

Godly prayers.

ong and sinfull motions of sathan
the deuill: hold vp vs with thy mer-
cifull hand, that wee sleepe not in sin,
that wee bee not drawne away with
the wicked world, nor the intice-
ments of the flesh, to delight in wic-
kednes: but so arme vs with thy
mighty power, that wee may strong-
lie abide all the assaults and subtile
sights of our ghostlie enemie, and
gincerely to walke before thy face,
both in prosperitie and aduersitie, to
thy honour and glory, the health of
our soules, and profit of thy Church,
through Jesus Christ our onely
Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

The

Godly prayers.

¶ The Lords prayer more at large.

The first petition.

¶ Our Father which art in
heauen.

O Most mightie and eternall God,
who of thine infinite loue to
mankinde, hast given vs thine owne
eternall Sonne Christ Iesu our
Lord, to be made man for vs, in the
similitude of unnefull flesh, to be-
come flesh of our flesh, bone of our
bones, in all things like vnto vs,
sinne onely excepted: who being thy
true and naturall sonne, hath made
vs with him, sonnes, chyldren, and
heires to the ouer most merciful Faz-
ther,

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ther, giuing vs by thy grace, that
which is his by nature: And by his
due, alone, once suffered, sufficient
sacrifice, hath paide the ransome of
our sinnes before thy diuine Mai-
estie, to satisfie thy iustice vpon unfull
flesh. Which debt being paide for vs,
hee hath brought vs in fauour with
thee, so that we may now with bold-
nesse and trust come to thes, as vnto
our most mercifull and louing Fa-
ther, with full assurance, that as thy
loue is so much greater and more ex-
cellent toward vs, then all loue of
earthly Parents toward theyr chyl-
dren, as thou passest all men in good-
nes and mercy, so thou wilt deny vs
nothing which shall be expedient for
vs. So that although all the Fa-
thers which are in earth, having sha-
ken off all feeling of faterly natu-
ralnes, would for sake their children,
yet thou wouldest neuer for sake vs,

be-

Godly prayers.

because thou canst not deny thy selfe.
Who promisest, that if earthly fa-
thers being euill can giue good gyfts
to their chyldzen: howe much more
wilt thou our heauenly Father, bee-
ing altogether goodness it selfe, giue
good thinges to them that aske in thy
sonnes name? And that although a
Mother should forslake her chyldzen,
yet wilt thou not forslake vs thy
chyldzen, whom thou hast before the
beginning of the world in thy deere
sonne Iesus Christ, chosen to be thy
Chyldzen & heires with hym of thine
immortall kingdome. Whereof that
wee in our selues might bee sure and
certaine, and out of all doubt that
wee are thy chyldzen and heires of e-
uerlasting life: thou hast giuen into
our harts thy holie Spirit, as a true
pledge & earnest of our inheritance,
which spirit dooth assure our spirits
that wee are thy Chyldzen, and
thou

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therefore cryeth in our hearts, **W**ee
Father.

G Hallowed be thy Name.

We therefore as thy deere chyl-
dren, ransomed and bought
by thy deere son, slie to thee our most
louing and mercisfull Father, who in
goodnes art infinite, in mercy aboun-
dant, in substance incomprehensible,
in immortallitie everlasting: who by
thy mighty power and singuler pro-
vidence rulest all thinges, according
to thy heauenlie wisedome: besee-
ching thee for thy deere sonne Christ
Jesus his sake, that as thou hast
sufficiently set foorth thy gloriouſ
Name in making the wholle worlde,
heauen, earth, and all thinges therein
contained: so wee may in beholding
and viewing thy creatures p̄ workes
of

Godly prayers.

of thine handes, be lifted vp to thee
our Lord God, the Creator, and Ma-
ker, and in them, glorifie thy holy
Name, acknowledging in them thy
singuler goodnes and loue towardes
man, for whose vse thou hast created
all things beth in heauen and earth:
and that we may for the same, euuen
from the bottome of our harts, yeelds
due honour, prayse, and thankesgi-
ving to thee, deere Father, all the
dayes of our life. Grant most merci-
full Father, that we may in hart
and mind be fully assured, that thou
by thy heavenly prouidence rulest
and guidest all thinges in heauen and
earth, so that nothing in the whole
world commeth to passe, but accord-
ing to thine appoyntment: that
thou guidest and frainest the affaires
and dwyngs of men, that thou hast
euuen their harts and all their powers
in thy mercifull hand, to turne them
whiche.

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Whiche way soever it seemeth best to
thy godly wisedome: so that whe-
ther wee be in prosperitie or aduersi-
tie, wee may acknowledge both of
them to be thy worke in vs, and
therefore bee no lesse thankfull for
sicknes then in health: for sorrow
then for comfort: for a troubled
minde then for a quiet: for imprison-
ment, & banishment, then for libertie,
especially, seeing wee know that thou
turnest them all (seeme they never so
sharpe) to the comfort and commo-
ditie of thy children which feare thee:
and that in all thinges which shal be-
fall unto vs, whether they be grie-
vous or ioyous, prosperitie or ad-
uersitie, life or death, thy holy name
may bee sanctified in vs by yeelding
due and continual praise and thanks-
giving to thy eternall Maiestie: that
wee never cease to put our full trust
and confidence in thy mercie, who
hast

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hast promised to bee our defender,
buckler, and shield, to keepe vs as
the apple of thine eye, to deliver vs
when wee call vpon thee, to open
when we knocke, to giue when wee
aske: that wee knowing our owne
weakenesse, that of our selues vs
hauie no power or strength to doe, no
not so much as to will that which
is good, we may acknowlede all our
strength, comfort, ioy, fayth, loue,
hope, and confidence to be thine onely
gift and works in vs. And for the
same, and the increase of the same,
for all thy benefites in vs, whereof
we feele our selues destitute, wee may
constantly flee vnto thee by hartie
prayer, requiring the same at thy
mercifull hand. And having felt thy
mercifull dealing towards vs, vs
may alway to the end of our life con-
tinue thankfull to thy blessed Name:
that wee never speake or thinke of

it.

thee.

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thee, O Lord GOD, without high
reuerence and obedient feare vnto
thy glorious Name.

The second petition.

¶ Thy kingdome come.

A **Id** that thy kingdome, O Lord
may more gloriouſlie ſhine a-
mongſt men, ſubdue the harts of the
people to bee obedient to thy word
Lighten all Nations with thy glori-
ous Gospell: rayſe vp fyſthful
Minifters of thy word, abounding-
ly in euery place, who with pure and
perfekte zeale in true knowledge, may
ſeede the hungry ſoules with the
ſoođe of life. Lighten the harts of thy
Chyldren, whom yet thou haſt not
called to the ſeeling of thy mercies in
thy ſonne reuealed. Beate downe
the furie, and rage of the kingdome
of

Godly prayers.

of satan and Antichrist with all ty-
rants, who shewe their bitter malice
and furie against thy deere and faith-
full flocke. Confound their deuises,
supprese theyz pride, and so streng-
then all thy trus & faithful seruaunts
against theyz rage, that they may
haue true wisedome to confounde
theyz enemies, and stedfast constan-
cie to confesse the truth of thy glori-
ous Gospell, cuen to the death. And
that euerie one of vs may feele the
force of this thy kingdome particu-
larly in our selues, we beseech thee
kill in vs, by thy holie Spirit, all
wicked delights of sinne, and vani-
ties of this world:

Mortifie in vs our earthly and car-
nall affections, and graunt that wee
may haue our full delight and plea-
sure in thee our heauenly father, and
in thy Son Christ Iesus our Lord
and Saviour, and reverently em-
brace

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Brace thy holy word, that our soules
may be comforted there, and our
fayth thereby confirmed. Lighten
our understanding, that wee may in
thy holy word learne, and in heart be
fully assured, that thou art our most
mercifull Father, and thy deere Son,
our Lord and Sauour.

Beate downe in vs all sinfull mo-
tions of the aduersarie, which do re-
bell against thy holy Spirit, and set-
tle and frame our minds by thy holie
Spirit in vs, that all rebellion in
our flesh being killed, we may quiet-
lie with stayed mindes and conscienc-
es, set our full ioy, comfort, and con-
solation in heauenly thinges, walk-
ing before thee in sincerite of minde:
put our whole trust and confidence
in thee, rest, and quiet our selues
wholly in thy mighty protection and
prouidence.

¶ Thy

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The third petition.

¶ Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heauen.

A **¶** D forasmuch (O Lord God) as of our selues wee be nothing but stubbornesse and rebellion, wee beseech thee, deere Father, that as thine Angels in heauen do willingly obey thy will without resistance, so wee thy Children in earth, all stubbornesse and peruersnesse by thy holy Spirit, in vs boeing utterly extinguished and quenched, wee may willingly submit our selues, resigne and yeilde our whole affections to thee, O Lord, to be gauerned after thy blessed and heauenly will. That wee may feele in our selues, no other motion of desire, then a meete consent to thy holy will, that whatsoever af-

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fection in vs fight against thy holy will, thou wilt bitterly make them void. That we never will any thing of our selues, but that thy holy Spirit in vs may gouerne our harts, by whom inwardly beeing taught, wee may learne to loue, embraze, and take comfort in those thinges that please thee, and to hate those thinges that displease thee.

That our harts, minds, and wills, beeing wholie subdued to thy most blessed will, we may willingly bee content with that estate of life, which it pleaseth thy goodness to exercise vs with all in this world, whether it be in aduersitie or prosperitie, in sicknes or health, in ignominie or glory, in quietnesse or trouble, in sorrowe or gladnesse. Graunt vs, deere Father, this willing and patient minde, that euен in our greatest distresse, wee may be content with thy good will, and

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and not to murmur or grudge ag-
ainst thy Majestie, knowing that
thou wilt lay nothing vpon vs, but
that which shall turne to our good-
nes and profit. And that we may pa-
tiently abide whatsoeuer it shal please
thee to lay vpon vs: that wee be as-
sured in our harts, that thou wilt
not lay moze vnto vs, then thou wilt
gine vs strength to beare, and euen
in our greatest afflictions, wilt finde
away for our deliuerance, and that
thy power and strength is more
fully declared, when we feele our
selues utterly boyde of all strength,
and see no way of deliuerance: that
wee may in our most grecuous af-
faulcs, conflicts, and anguish of mind
submit our selues wholly to thy bles-
sed will, and looke for our deliue-
rance at thy hand, when thou know-
est it shall be most expedient for vs,
and most for thy glory, leauing the
time

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time and meane of deliurance to thy
good will and pleasure, and that in
the meane time, wee never cease but
call bypon thee, by harty prayers con-
tinually as thou hast commaunded,
vntill such time as thou shalt heare
our petitions. And although after
many and sundry callings vpon thee
thou seeme not to regard vs: but ra-
ther deale more extreamely with vs,
yet notwithstanding, strengthen vs
so with perseveriance in prayer, that
wee faint not, but still continue in
prayer, being assured, that although
wee feele our selues nothing released,
yet wee may quiet our selues herein,
that wee as thy Children haue layde
our complaints, greeves & sorrowes
in the bosome of thee our heauenlie
Father, who wilst as a loving Fa-
ther, when hee seeth it most conueni-
ent, helpe vs. And although thou
seeme nothing to grant our requestes,
yet

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yet we honour thee in calling vpon
thy name: seeing thou doest accept it
as a most cheefe honour, to be called
vpon in the day of trouble.

The fourth petition.

*¶ Give us this day our dai-
lie bread.*

A ¶d forasmuch (deere Father) as
thou doest by thy mightie power,
nourish, stede, sustaine, preserue,
and maintains all liuing creatures,
yea, euen the very young foules and
beastes, wee beseech thee to send vnto
vs thy chyldren, (ouer whom thou
hast a more speciall care) all thinges
necessarie for this our present life:
that we having sufficient, may walke
every one in our calling, in sinceritie,
and pure holinesse before thy face, ac-
knowledging all our bencuts of ri-
ches.

Godly prayers.

ches, health, wealth, meate, drink, apparrell, and all our substance to be thy meere gyfts, bestowed vpon vs, and deliucred vnto vs from thine hands: that we be not drawne from thee, through setting our mindes too much vpon them, but so moderately vs them, as thy benefites for a time bestowed vpon vs, knowing that thou wilst at our handes require an account how we haue vsed them.

That wee doe not carefullie gape or seeke after them, but discreetlie to thy glorie vs them, acknowledging in them thy goodness and liberality towards vs. And seeing most mercfull Father, that it is not our trauell, labour, paines, studie, or endeour which is able to gette vs our liuing, but onely in so much as it pleaseth thy goodnessse to blesse and prosper them: wee beseech thee, that if through our great trauaile and paines,

Godly prayers.

paines, wee be yet still poore, and in
meane estate, that thou wilst giue vs
a contented hart, knowing that there-
by thou lettest vs vnderstand, that it
is thy good will and pleasure, so to
keepe vs vnder, that wee moze effec-
tualliy may giue our selues to serue
thee. Or if it be thy will & pleasure,
moze abundantly to blesse vs and
our trauaile, to sende vs abundance
of all thinges, wee beseech thee deere
father, giue vs a thankfull hart to
acknowledege them to bee thy good
gifts: and frame our harts with such
liberalitie, that wee may be contented
to distribute them according to the
necessitie of thy childzen, beeing assur-
ed that thou hast to this end made
vs stewards ouer them, that thou
maist at his hands require much, on
whom thou hast bestowed much: so
that wee hauing the due estimation
of thy benefites whiche wee ought to
hane,

Godly prayers.

hane, may both reverence thy goodnessesse in thy benefits, and supply the want of our Brethren, to the relieve of their necessarie, and furtherance of thy glory.

The fist petition.

*¶ Forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee
forgiue them that trespassse a-
gainst vs.*

¶ And whereas most mercifull Father, thy Sonne our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, hath in our nature payde the rausome and debt of all our sinnes, which we hane from the beginning of our life committed, and do daily commit, wee beseech thy gracious goodnesse, that thou wilst by thy holy Spirit in our hearts, assure our soules and consciences,

Godly prayers.

Sciencies with a liuely fayth, that by
that same one alone sufficient sacrifice,
the punishment of our sinne is
payde, thy wrath appeased, and thy
iustice satisfied, whereby our consci-
ences may be quieted, and set at peace
with thee our mercifull father and
God.

Let vs, deere Father, feele in our
soules and consciences, that wee are
united and knit to thy deere son Ies-
sus Christ, and made one bodie with
him, and heires with him of euerla-
sting glorie, so coupled and toynd
with him, that wes are members of
his bodie, so that whatsoeuer he hath
done in his body, we may be assured
that it is ours: that his righteous-
nes is our righteousness, his sancti-
fication & holines is ours: the curse,
condemnation and death which hee
suffered, is the same curse, condem-
nation, and death due for our sinnes:
that

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that we knewing that our sinnes be-
done away, and cleane forgotten and
forgiuen by thy mercifull loue and
goodnesse declared, in offering by thy
sonne to death for vs, wee may bee
driuen to loue thee vnfainedly from
the bottome of our hearts, for this
thine unspeakable loue. And con-
sidering that thou hast in mercie par-
doned so many our haynous offend-
ces, we may gladly be meoneed to for-
giue one another theyr offences, and
put out of our heart all rancour, ma-
lice, and hatred towarde our bre-
thren, knowing that wee are all mem-
bers of one bodie Christ our Sau-
our, that so surely as wee haue forgi-
uen them that offend vs, we may bee
so certainly assured, that our merci-
full Father, hath forgiuen vs, like as
we haue forgiuen our brethren.

¶ Lead

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The sixt petition.

*g Lead vs not into temptation, but
deliver vs from evill.*

A **R**D for asmuch most heauenlie Father, as wee of our selues be feble, fraile, and weake, and haue a strong and subtile aduersarie sa- than the deuill, who goeth about continually like a roaring Lyon, sec- king whom hee may devoure: wee beseech thee strengthen vs by thy holie spirit, that wee may withstand his subtile suggestions, and moti- ons: holde thou vs by thy mercifull hand, and keepe vs alwaies in thy safegard and protection, that wee bee not overcome in the mightie assaults of our aduersarie. And forasmuch as hee often vseth euer our owne flesh armed against vs, to conquer vs, wee beseech

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beseech thee, deere Father, mortifie, subdue, and kill in our flesh all subtle suggestions, and hafull motions of sathan, that wee yeelde not our selues as slaues thereunto, but continually fight against them, and bring them into subiection of the Spirit. Graunt vnto vs, deere Father, that we may not be drawne through the subtle and sliely tormentes of sathan, to haue our delight & pleasure in the vanities of this present woorlde, but by thy grace, might, and power, may so in the prosperitie of this life vpholder, that our minds with full toy and comfort, may be lifted vp to our perfect conselation in our Lorde and Sauour Christ, & in him take our full and perfect toy and consolacion, so that no vaine delight of this woorlde put vs from the same, neither any sharpe aduersitie, as pouerty, misery, or calamity, through the malice
of

Godly prayers.

of the deuill, driue vs to despaire of
thy mercifull goodnes towards vs:
but alwayes beeing through thy hea-
uenly grace and assistance defended,
we may be fully and perfectly armed
against all the subtile intrappings of
sathan, and rest wholly in thy merci-
full defence and ayde. For thou hast
O lord and eternall G D, in thy
gouernment, all thinges in heauen
and earth, all power and dominati-
on ouer all creatures, Angells, and
deuils, to rule them according to thy
good pleasures and will, to the profit
and commoditie of thy Church, and
every faithfull member thereof, and
to thine owne incomprehensible glo-
rie: in all ages for euer and euer thy
glorious name may bee exalted, and
thy faithfull flocke increased; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

G.

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Godly prayers.

A confession of sinnes, with fayth and repen- tance.



Mercifull and hea-
uenly Father, we
thy seruants doe
humbly prostrate
our selues before
thy Maiestie, ac-
knowldging here
in thy sight, our haynous sinnes
committed against thy Maiestie, see-
ing and beholding thy heavie wrath
against them: wee feele our selues
laden, O Lord our G D D, with a
huge compaines of horriblie sinnes,
whereof even the verie least, beeing
but conceiued in thought, is suffi-
cient in iudgement to throwe vs
downe to the everlasting burning
Lake,

Godly prayers.

Lake. Our owne consciences, O
Lord, doe beare witnesse against vs,
of our manifolde transgressions of
thy blessed Law, of our securitie and
sencelssie blindnesse, running head-
long to destruction, committing sinne
after sinne, although not notoious
to the world, yet horrible betwix
thine eyes.

The thoughts of our harts rise vp
in iudgement against vs: the vanity
of our talke before thy Maiestie con-
demneth vs, the wickednesse of our
deedes from thy sight reiceth vs:
all our wicked thoughts, wordes,
and deedes, with the inward corrup-
tion of our nature, doe altogether as
it were a whole lympe and loade of
sinne, lye heauie upon vs, and with
their intollerable waight doe euery
presse vs downe to hell. We do daily
groane vnder the burthen of them,
inwardly lamenting our owne folly,

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so greedily running into them. In heauen, earth, or hell, wee see none able to sustaine the waight of them, but euен thy dearely beloued Sonne Jesus Christ, who in mercie infinite, and compassion endlesse, hath sustained and overcome that endless punishment due unto them: in him therefoze, in him, most mercifull Father, and through him wee come to thee beeing fully assured according to thy promise, that thou wilst accept and take that full recompence which he thy deere sonne hath made for vs, as a iust rausome for the sinne of all those, who with a true fayth take hold on him. In him therefoze wee see thine anger towards vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, & our debts payde.

Increase in vs, good Lord, we beseech thee, this lively & feeling fayth, for wee feele it oftentimes in vs be-

Godly prayers.

rie weake, and troubled with manie
doubts: encrease it in vs, O Lorde,
that we may through thy holy Spi-
rit be assured, that the punishment of
our sinnes is fully in thy Sonne dis-
charged. Make vs, O Lord, our
God, to feele this same in our soules
and consciences, that Jesus Christ
is ours, and all that hee hath doone:
that wee are grafted into his bodie,
and made one with him, and therfore
fellowe heires with him of euerla-
sting life. Let vs not only haue these
wordes in our meuthes good Lord,
but through thy holie spirit, let vs
feele the comfort of them in our harts
fully sealed and settled in vs: that wee
feeling our selues inwardly before
thy iudgement seate discharged, and
our consciences towards thee appea-
sed, may bee swallowed vp with an
vnfaigned loue toward thy heauenly
Majestie, and towardes our brethe-

Godly prayers.

ten for thy sake. Make sinne to die in vs dailie more and more, that we may hate, detest, and utterly abhorre all sinne and wickednesse in all men, but especially in our selues, that wee may strongly, through thy holy spirit, sette our selues in open warre and defiance against all sin and wickednesse: that wee please not our selues in our sinnes, but straightly examining sin by the iust rule of thy holy lawes, wee may utterly from the botteme of our hearts condigne euен the least sinne in our selues, ha- ving our whole toy, comfort, and consolacion upon those things which be agreeable to thy blessed will, alwayes ha- ving afraide to doe any thing con- trarie to the same: that we may euен from the botteme of our harts, eras- mine and try our thoughts before thy presence, that they be hygght and vnfaigned, not hypocriticall in
out-

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outward shew onely and appearance,
but that euен all corners of our harts
beeing opened and disclosed before
thee, we may euен as though it were
openly before the face of the whole
world, bring them in shew, knowing
that a double hart is detestable in
thine eyes: and that wee may walke
awayes, as before thine eyes, not
onely before the eyes of man, beeing
more carefull to walke circumspect-
ly in this respect, that we haue thee
to be a viewer of our doings, a thou-
sand fold more then the eyes of man.
That thus wee may walke as we
commeth thy Childezen, not onely in
outward shew, but also in sincerite
of hart, abhorring euен the least sin
in our selues, striuing, resisting, and
fighting against sinne, not delighting
our selues in sinne, nor nourishing
the same in our breast, but earnestly
embracing, and studiously seeking af-
ter

Godly prayers.

ker those thinges which bee pleasant
in thine eyes : that neyther the feare
of man, nor losse of goddes, life, landes,
possessions, or friendes, drawes vs away
from thes, to doe any least thing con-
trarie to thy will and pleasure : ney-
ther the fauour & friendship of man,
nor yet the flattering inticements of
this woorlde, nor the vaine p[ro]motti-
ons of the same , doe mooue vs any
whit, from the true and endlesse joy,
delight and pleasure, which we ought
to haue in those thinges which be a-
greeable to thy will, and the constant
performance of the same : but that
always to the end of our life , wee
may continue in thy paths, growing
and increasing from sayth to sayth,
from strength to strength , till at
length wee shall come to thine ever-
lasting rest. Amen.

Godly prayers.

¶ A prayer for the prosperous estate of the whole Church.



Lord our God and
heauenly father, so
as much as by thy
holy word wee are
commaunded in our
prayers, not onely
to bee mindfull of
our iustes, but also of all others thy
childzen, yea even of our enemis: We
commend unto thy divine Majestic,
all thy wholie true and Catholique
Church, and euerie member thereof:
that as it hath pleased thy goodnessse
by the bright beames of thy helic
word, to shine ouer the wholie world,
wherby thou hast expelled, driven
away, and caused to vanish, the darke
and

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and mistie cloudes of ignorance and superstition: so thor woudest vouchsafe by thy holie spirit to touch the harts of men, that they may isfullie embrase that thine so high a treasure sent amonst vs, that through our bathankfulness wee pronoke not thy Maicstie in anger to take it from vs.

Crush, bruse, and destroy with the breath of thy mouth, the mightie power of that man of sinne, whitch so proudly exalteh himselfe aboue all that is called God. Let not thy simple flocke, deere Father, in whose consciences he so long time hath, and yet dooth sit as God, be any longer possoned with the sweete intynging possons: but so lighten their harts, that they may perceiue his iuglings, and embrase the sweete and comfortable doctrine of life everlasting, revealed in thy glorioius Gosyell,

And

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And forasmuch as it hath pleased
thee in mercie above all Nations of
the earth, to poure downe the sweete
showers of thy heauenly graces vpon
on this our English Nation abund-
antly, in more plentifull wise, wa-
tering the same with the gifts of thy
holie Spirit, in promoting thy Gos-
peli, and ouerthrowing Idolatry, we
beseech thee continue thy fauour to-
wardes the same, and vtterly roote
out all remuants, reliues, and mo-
numents of idolatry, that thy glori-
ous Name may be thoroughly exal-
ted, in sincere, pure, and holy worship.
And as thou hast in mercie from
amongst vs in this thy Church, vt-
terly banished all false, venomous,
and poysonfull doctrine, wherewith
the soules of thy Children heretofore
haue beene wounded to death, and
in place thereof hast placed the true
and comfortable doctrine of life euer-
lasting,

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lasting, wherewith the soules of thy
chyldez bee fedde and nourished to
everlasting toy: so in like mercy and
favour we beseech thee, deere Father,
establish in the same thy Church,
a true, perfect, and sincere regiment
thereof, according to the prescript
rule of thy blessed word, all fantasies
of mans braine, and dyvames of hu-
mane policie, utterly abolished: that
thy glorioius Maiestie onely may bee
exalted in the light of thy glorioius
Gospell: and that thy Church may
flourish and increase, beeing through
thy protection, aided, supported, main-
tained, and defended: we beseech thee
by thy holy spirit, guide and rule es-
suary part and meinber thereof, espe-
ciallie thy seruaunt James, our
King, whom thy gracioius fauour
and mercifull prouidence hath ap-
pointed a chiefe meinber in the same:
vnder whose Swinges, next vnto

thy

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thy protection it bath a cheife succor
and suppozt. Grant vnto her (O
Lord) a pure & perfect zeale aboue all
thinges to promote thy glory: first
and chiefly in labouring and ende-
avouring of herselfe, earnestly in wi-
ping away, and purging out of thy
Church all blots, and deformities, to
reduce the same to a pure and sincere
forme of worship, agreeing to thy
blessed word, vitterly to remoue all
stumbling blocks, which stay and
hinder the course of thy Gospele: giue
him in like manner, O Lorde, the spi-
rit of wisedome, discretion, and go-
vernment, that with equitie and ius-
tice, hee may see this whole Realme,
which thou hast committed to his
charge, peaceably and quietly gouer-
ned: that she may studiously labour,
that as well through the whole
Realme vertue be exalted, and vice ab-
andoned: especially in her owne
house

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house and Court, that all wicked vanities of this world, all licentious and inordinate life, all flattering and dissimulation beeing utterly banished, the feare of thy glorious Maiestie may so raigne in the hearts of all within his Palace and Court, that their liues and conuersation may bee agreeable to thy blessed will, in sincerite and true holines, and integrite of life, that from them, as from the head, may shine puritie of life and conuersation, as an example and paternall of true godlines to the whole Realme.

Preserue him, we beseech thee, good Lord, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good will, he may haue a long and quiet raigne ouer vs, to the benefit of thy Church and advancement of thy glory. In due the whole Counselt, good Lord, with true and perfect wisdome, that in

Godly prayers.

In all theyr consultation and counsels, having thee present before their eyes, they may cōsult of thosē things whiche principally and cheefely may be for the aduaancement of thy glorie, and the commoditie of thy Church, and next for the quiet peace and gracious gouernment of this Realme. So lighten all inferiour Magistrates of this Realme, good Lord, with the brightness of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy wil, they may zealously defende, mainstaine, and further the course of the Gospell, with the sworde of justice, cut off the wicked, and cherish the godly.

Defend and gouerne by thy hōly Spirit, the P̄pstours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zealously, earnestly, and diligently feede thy flock committed vnto them, with the food

of

Godly prayers.

of life, thy blessed word, wherewith
thei^r soules may bee nourished to life
everlasting. Increase the number of
them, deere father, place ouer euerie
flocke, a godly, learned, and painfull
Pastor, who may painfully and care-
fully trauell euerie one in his charge,
to bring thy people (which nowe a-
las in most parts doo wander and goe
astray, like lost sheepe) to the true
knowledge of their Lorde and God,
and of thy deere sonne Christ Jesus
their Saviour. And for thy mercie
we beseech thee, to take pittie vpon
thy poore and simple flocke, roote out
all rauening woulues which haue
craftily crept into the sheepfold, and
doe make haueock of the soules of thy
simple flocke. Cast out all hirrlings,
time seruers, and dumbe dogges,
which to fill their bellies onely, haue
thrust themselves among thy sheepe,
and doe pittifullly suffer the flocke of

Christ

Godly prayers.

Christ thy sonne, to be deuoured and scattered of the Woolfe. Stirre vp good Lord, and place in theyr roomes faythfull Sheepheards, which diligently, painefullie, carefully and earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seek to winne the soules of the people, out of the tyrannie and power of sathan, to the freedome of thy deers sonne Christ Jesus our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furnished with godly learned Pastors, wee beseech thee, good Lord, to prosper and increase in all godlie knowledge, all schooles of learning, especially the two universities, Cambridge and Oxford: Graunt deere Father, vnto all the students of the same, that the chiese end of all theyr studies may bee to the surtherance of thy Church, and maintenance of the common wealth, Blesse their studies (deere Father) that all baine

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Studies set aside, they may so fructifie
in all p^{ro}fitable and godly Sciences,
that hereafter they may become p^{ro}-
fitable members of thy Church, and
godly upholders of the Commons
wealth.

Grant (good Lord) to all the
whole commons of this Realme,
that their harts being touched with
a sincere feare and reverence of thy
heauenly Majestie, acknowledging
thy mercy in placing ouer them a
godly and religious Princesse, they
may every one in their callings, walk
in all true and humble obedience unto
her, in thee & for thee without res-
istance, tumults, insurrections, con-
spiracies, or rebellions: knowing,
that to resist the higher powers, is to
rebell against thy Majestie. Finally
we beseech thy goodness, so to guide
and governe the harts of all þ wh^eole
Realme, of every degree, that every
one

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one in his calling, beeing by thy ho-
ly wisedome supported, may so occu-
pie his Talent, that thy glory in all
things may be aduanced, thy Church
inlarged, and this whole Realme in-
to sincere godlines: vertuously redi-
ced.

Moreover, wee beseech thee (O
Lord our God) in mercie to behold
all those which suffer persecution
to thy glorious words sake, whe-
ther it be imprisonment, death, or ba-
iishment, or whatsoeuer else: streng-
then them good Lord, that they ha-
ving thee alwaies before their eyes,
and the glory layd vp for them in the
life to come, may continue constant
in defending thy truth without feare
of man, or vaine allurements of the
World, that whether it come by life
or death, they may gloriifie thy holy
Name, in continuing in the truth to
the end.

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Preserue in like manner wee beseech thee, all others thy children, whom it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of Crosse to chasten for theyz amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, warre, pouertie, imprisonment, sicknesse, or banishment trouble of conscience, vexation of spirxit, quietnesse of minde, want of spirituall comfort, or whatsoever kind of affliction of bodie or mindes, thou deost try them with: that by thy holie spirit beeing fully assured, that thou by this thy correction ministerest to call them backe to a feeling of theyz sinne, and due consideration of theyz life and conseruation, that they may patiently abide thy fatherlike triall looking for ayde, helpe, and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most conuenient to thy holy wisdome: and beeing by thy mercifull hand once deliuered, may acknowledg

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sonne Jesus Christ, to take vpon him whatsoeuer is due, to reconcile and make vs at one with thee again. In him therefore (good Lord) and through him doe we come vnto thee, beseeching thee for his sake, that wee feeling the grevoussnes of our sinnes, and groaning vnder the burthen of them, may feele the release and ease of them, in that wee be through thy holy spirit assured, and stedfastly beleue, that Christ hath borne the burden of them. even for vs. Grant O Lord, that we being assured herex of in our consciences, may through thy holie Spirit be renewed in the inner man, to hate, detest, and abhorre sinne, and to studie to liue according to thy blessed will during our whole life.

Wee doe not onely pray for our selues, but also for all thy wt, Church, especially such as be per-
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executed for thy word: Graunt unto them, that whether it be by death or life, they may gloriifie thy Name to their liues end. Be mercifull to this Church of England and Ireland: Wee beseech thee good Lord, and preserue euery part and member of the same, especially thy seruaunt James our gracious soueraigne, grant him all such gifts as bee needfull for so high a calling, to the aduaancement of thy glorie, and benefit of this common wealth, to the establishing of a perfect government of thy Church, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed word, to the rooting out of all superstition & reliques of Antichrist, to the governing of his subiects in all peace and tranquilitie.

Defend him, O Lord, from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebellies: and so woxke in the hearts of his subiects, that knowing his autho-

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Edge thy singuler power and wozke,
giuing all land and praze to thy glo-
rious Name: and afterwards all the
dayes of theyr life, studie and liue be-
forz thee, in sinceritie and perfect ho-
liness, even to their liues end. This
O Lorde, we beseech thee in mercy
to graunt, for thy beloued Sennes
sake, Jesus Christ our Lord and
only Sauour.

Amen.

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¶ Mor-

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Morning prayer for priuate houses and families.



Gracious God and lo-
ving Father, according
to thy commandement,
we do here present our
selues before thy Ma-
testie, humbly prostra-
ting our selues before the thonne of
mercie, acknowledgging and confes-
sing from the bottome of our hearts,
that wee be inscrutable sinners, dailie
breaking thy commandements, both
in thought, word, and deede, where-
in we iustly deserve everlasting dam-
nation, & to be utterly throwne from
thy presence: yet, O Lorde, wee see
thy goodnes againe towards vs, who
not suffering vs thus to perish in
our shanes, hast sent thine owne deere
sonne

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And as thou hast safelij preserved vs unto this present houre from all the dangers of this life: so wee beseech thee continue thy fauour towards vs this day, and the whole course of our life. Defend vs, O Lord, that wee now entring into the affayres of this day, be not drawne away with the baine atturments of this world, to sinne and wickednes: that wee waile not in the shadow of death, that wee be not wtangled in the snares of sinne, that wee stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that wee finally fall not into the pit of death, and destruction: but beeing shadowed vnder thy wings, we may cheerfully and constantly gos on forward to the end of our course. Graunt vnto vs, O Lord our God, that this god tyme whiche thou grantest vnto vs in this life: be not idelic, or bainely of vs consumed, but that

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that exercisone of vs may bee diuinely
gently exercised in his calling this
day, and all our life long, beeing assu-
red, that thou wilt once call vs to
yeele an account of our Steward-
ship: indue vs we beseech thee, with
those gifts and graces whiche be needs
full for vs in our calling, and that
with a pure and sincere conscience,
wee may use them to the benefit of
our Brethren, and discharge of our
owne consciences, before thy Maiestie.
Wee beseech thee, O Lord, that in
all our consultations, wordes, and
workees this day, and the whole
course of our life, we may alwayes
haue thee present before our eyes,
knowing that thou seest euē the be-
rie deepe thoughtes of our hearts,
which alwayes may be as a bridle to
pull vs backe, that wee neyther doe
nor yet consent vnto any sinne or
wickednesse: but that alwayes wee may

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authoritie dooth come from thy hea-
uenlie Matchie, they may with obe-
dient harts humbly obey him in thes
and for thee. Preserue the whols
Counsell, and the Magistrates of
this Realme, that beeing lightened
through thy holy spirit, they may zeas-
lously endeouour to defend thy truth,
suppresse wickednes, and maintaine
equitie. Behold all the Pastors and
Preachers of thy Word, blesse theyz
labours, increase the number of them
place ouer every Church a painfull
watchman, remoue all idle lubbers,
and confounds the power of Ante-
christ, and turne the harts of the peo-
ple, that they may be obedient to thy
truth.

Blesse the two Uniuersities, Cam-
bridge and Oxford, and all the stu-
dents of the same, with al the scholes
of learning. Behold all those that
be afflicted with any kinde of crose,
that

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that they may profit by thy correction
in newnes of life. ED

Lastly, for our selues heere gathered
together, we hartily craue at thy
handes, that it wold please thee to
make vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie
for all thy louing kindnes shewed
vnto vs even from our infancie,
especially, that thou hast this present
night delivred vs from all dangers,
both of bodie and soule, whereinto
many haue fallen, as we in like maner
should haue doone, if we had not
been stayed with thy mercifull hand,
that thou hast also graunted vnto vs
so sweet and comfortable rest, and
hast now presently brought vs vnto
the beginning of this day. For these
thinges, good Lord, wee peele vnto
thee most hartie thanks, beseeching
thee to make vs more and more dailes
thankful vnto thy Maiestie for them,
and pardon our vnthankfulnes.

And

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may be so exercised in the affayres of this life, that we looke stil to the end of our course, when it shall please thee to bring vs through the pilgri-mage of this life, to our everlasting rest with thy deere Sonne Jesus Christ our Sauior. In whose name for these mercies and whatso-
ever thou knowest to be needfull for vs, and for the whole Church, wee pray vnto thee, as hee himselfe hath taught vs in his holie word, saying: Our Father which art, &c.

The Lorde blesse vs and save vs, the Lorde make his face to shine vpon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs, the Lorde turne his favourable counte-nance toward vs, and graunt vs his peace.

The grace of our Lorde Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the most comfortable fellowship of the holy Ghost be with vs, pre-
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serve and keepe vs this day and to
more. Amen.

¶ Evening Prayer for private houses and fami- lies.

O Gracious God and louing
Father, &c, As in the be-
ginning of the morning
Prayer, reading so forth,
till wee come to this marke.

¶ Then read this folowing for
the euening.

Lastly, for our selues here gath-
red, we render most harty thanks to
thy Maiestye (O Lord) which hast
hitherto from our infancy, preserued
vs by thy mercye from all perills and
daungeris both of soule and bodie,
whereunto staine man is subiect, that
thou

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thou hast sent unto vs all things necessary for this present life, as health, foode, apparrell, and such like, whiche many of thy deere children doe wante being notwithstanding as preciously bought with the precious blood of thy deere sonne, as we be, and yet lie in miserie and calamite, oppressed with pouertie, nakednes, imprisonment, and banishment, in which case also, deere Father, thou mightest haue brought vs, saue onely that thou dealest herein more fauourably with vs, then with them. For the which thy louing kindnes wee give thee hartie thanks, deiring thee, that as thou hast hetherto thus fauourably in mercie preserued vs by thy protection, and euен presently this day hast brought vs past all dangers thereof: so wee beseech thee good Lord in like fauour behold vs this night, that wee taking our naturall

rest

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rest and quietnes, may through thy protection bee defended, that our bodies resting, our soules may bee occupied in beholding thy fauour and mercie toward thy childdren, still looking for the comming of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ for our full redemption. Graunt that our sleepe bee not immoderate, according to the law of our flesh, but as much as is sufficient to refresh our weake nature: that beeing thus refreshed, both the bodie and the minde may be more able to doe their severall office and function, in that vocation where in thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe to rest, may be thereby put in minde of our long rest of death: that as we doe now lay downe our bodies in bed, so wee may be thereby admonished that heereafter they shall bee layd downe in graue, to be consumed of

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to dust, earth and ashes, from whence
they were taken: That we hauing
this before our eyes, may be stirred
vp in mind warily to walke in this
our pilgrimage, not knowing when
the time shall bee of our departure,
but alwaies to be found readie with
our lamps of pure faith, cleerely bur-
ning, that wee may bee accepted to
meete the bridegroome, when our
mortall, earthly, and corruptible bo-
dies shall be made like to the glo-
rious boodie of our Lord and Sauiour
Christ Jesu, there to raigne with
him in perpetuall ioy and consolati-
on, together with all the elect chil-
dren of God, continually lauding
with all heavenly multitude, the glo-
rious Maiesty of thee our Lord God
and heavenly Father, in our Lord
and Sauiour Jesu Christ. For these
and whatsoeuer else thou knowest
to bee needfull for vs, and thy whole

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Church,

Godly prayers.

Church, wee pray vnto thee, as hee
himselfe hath taught vs, saying:
Our Father, &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs,
the Lord make his face to shine vpon
vs, and bee mercifull vnto vs: the
Lord turne his fauourable counte-
nance vnto vs, and graunt vs his
peace. The grace of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, the loue of God the Fa-
ther, and the most comfortable fel-
lowship of the holy Ghost, bee with
vs, preserue and keepe vs this
night and euermore.

Amen.

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Godly prayers.

A prayer to bee sayde before the studying or reading of the holy Scripture.



Heauenly Father,
whatsoeuer I am,
whatsoeuer I haue
what so euer I
know, it is onely
by thy grace: for
by nature I am
the child of wrath, & I am not borne
a new of flesh & blēd, neither of the
seede of man, or of the will of man.
Flesh & blēd cannot reucale the ini-
staries of thy heauenly kingdom vn-
to me, but by thy blessed will I am
that I am, & by the same know I y
I know. Therefore, O Father, do
I commit into thy hands onely, my
saluation. If my knowledge be smal

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yet I doubt nothing but that I am
the child of thy euerlasting kingdom:
and therefore by thy mightie power
I shall growe when it shall be thy
good will and pleasure, to a moze
full and riper knowledge, as of a
moze perfect age, wherin my fayth
shall be fully able to comprehend and
perceave the breadth, depth, heighth,
and largenesse of thy great mercies
and gracious promises. But seeing,
O ffather, this power of full know-
ledge and perfect reuelation, passeth
all power naturall, and remaineth
only in thy power, and the light of
thy spirit: O Lorde, doe thou what-
soeuer it shall please thee, to open vns
to mee, and all the rest of thine elect
seruaunts and children, depending
vpon thee, so much of the light of thy
countenance, as may be most for thy
glorie and our comfort, yea, and at
such time as shall seeme good to thy
wisedome

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wisedome and fetherlie mercy. In
the meane while thus resting wholy
vpon thee, neither can I despayre,
neither will I bee too much carefull,
although I cannot attaine to the
knowledge of many of thy workes,
neither to the vnderstanding of ma-
ny places of thy scriptures. But I
will confesse vnto thee the weakenes
of my fayth, wayting alwayes for
the further reuealing of thy glori-
ous light to be vntered vnto me thy
poore seruant, when thou shalt thinke
(of thy fetherlie beneuolence and
goodnes) meete and conuenient. I
knowing most assuredly, that thou
wilt pitie my weake imbecilitie and
childish infancie, and cause the same
to serue for thy glory, and my great
commoditie: seeing that I erre as a
childe before such a Father, whiche
canst not put off thy fetherlie pitie
and compassion, but rather as thou

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hast bough me unto thee, to bee an
heire of thy kingdome by the blode
of thy naturall sonne my savior Ies-
sus Christ: so am I sure that thou
wilt lighten me in the end, with full
fruition of the bright light of thy
countenance, that I may see thee, and
knowe thee as this thy sonne know-
eth thee: yea, sae thes and knowe thes
my Father face to face, and knowe
thee as I am knowne. Thus rest I
onely in thy handes (O my God)
crauing of thee to increase my know-
ledge in thy holy word, whereby I
may knowe thy godly will and plea-
sure. And knowing the same, giue
me, O Lord, thy holy spirite to con-
duct and leade mee in the same all the
daies of my life, that in sincerite of
faith, and purenesse of living and
conuersation, thy gloriouse Majestie
be magnified in me for euer. Graunt
this (O Father) for thy dearely be-
loved

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houed Sonne our Sauiour Iesuſ
Chrift, to whom with theſe, and the
holy Ghost, be all honour, glory, and
prayeſ, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer and thankſgiuing to be ſaid before and after meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lord God and heauenly fa-
ther, in thy beloved ſonne
Iesuſ Chrift, worke in our
harts true re penitance, with
increase of a true and lively
faith: make vs thankfull vnto thy
Maiestie for all thy beneſtes which
wee continually receiue at thy mer-
ciful hand: graunt vs grace, that
we may at this preſent with thank-
full

Godly prayers.

Ful harts, as from thy handes receiue meate and drinke for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderation use them to thy glory, and through thy blessing, receiue by them perfect nourishment. And above all wee crave at thy handes, good Lord, the heauenly foode of our soules, which never perriheth: that through thy gracious goodnes, we may be nourished and strengthened both in our soule & bodie to eternall life, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who liueth and reigneth euer one God,
world without end.

Amen.

Thanks-

Godly prayers.

Thanks-gining after meate.



Eternal God and merciful father, we yeld unto thee most harty thankes for all thy benefits so plentifullly bestowed vpon vs: especially that thou hast at this present fed and nourished our mortall bodies with meate and drinke: wee beseech thee in like manner let our soules feele the sweete tast we being fed, and that we beeing fed and nourished at thy hands, both in soule and bodie, may in this life walke as it becommeth thy children, and in the life to come, be received to thine eternall kingdome of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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A prayer before meate.

○ Mercifull and heauenly Father, who giuest foods to every living creature, and without whom nothing can live, blesse and sanctifie our meates and drinke, which we are now about to receive, that they may turne to the nourishment of our bodies, whereunto thou hast appointed them: that we acknowledging thy gracious goodness in prouiding so liberally for our bodies, may with cheerfull harts bee lifted vp earnestly to long after the food of our soules, whereby we may be fed eternally through Jesus Christ our saviour. Amen.

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Godly prayers.

A thanksgiving after meate.

O heavenly Father, for these thy
benefites wherewith thou hast
now sufficiently fedde our bodies,
wee beseech thee make vs thankfull.
And as wee feele the sweetnes of the
pleasant to our bodies: so wee be-
seech thee (good Lord) that the feede
of our soules may be as pleasant and
comfortable vnto our soules, and
that wee may with as carefull harts
provide for the nourishment of our
soules, as we are careful for our
bodies, till it shall please thy Maiestie
to bring vs to the place, where wee
shall never hunger nor thirst more,
but liue eternally through Christ
our Saviour. Amen.

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A prayer before meate.

O Lord our God and heauenly father, which hast prouided meate and drinke for the nourishment of our bodies, gine vs grace to vse them reverently from thy handes with thankfull harts. And as we doe greatlie hunger and thirst for this foode of our bodies, so we beseech thee, good Lord, that our soules may earnestlie hunger after the like foode and nourishment, that with earnest mindes we may seeke to haue our soules fed and refreshed eternally, through our onely Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

So be it.

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A Thanksgiving after meate.

W onderfull is thy prouidence, O Lorde, in preseruing all living creatures. Graunt vs grace wee beseech thee, that with thankfull hearts wee may acknowledge thy bountifull goodness, so liberally giuing vnto vs all thinges needfull, especially feeding vs so plentifully at this present with thy manifolde bles-
sings, whereof a great manie of our brethren are destitute, as in like manner we should be, if thou diddest not deale more liberally with vs: grant vs therefore, gracious Lord, that we may be thankful for this thy goodness, and to be mindfull of them, which haue not such abundance to relaue them: that being all members

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of one bodie, we may at length reign
with our head Christ, to whom bee
all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.

¶ A thanksgiving after the re-
ceiving of our bodily sustenance
and reading of some part of
Gods holy word, our spiritu-
all foode.



Lord our God the
only giuer of all
good gifts, who of
thy great mercies
hast made vs par-
takers both of hea-
uently giftes of thy
holy word, to ferde our minds, and
of thine earthly creatures for the ne-
cessary sustenance of our weake ba-
dies:

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dies : graunt we beseech thes thas
through thy grace , these thy giftees
may be made perfect vnto vs: giue
strength vnto our meare, that it may
be our healthful nourishment, not to
breede in vs any carnall desire of our
baine life, but to enable our bodies
to all good worfes, during the time
of this p[re]sent pilgrimage , that so
thy good creatures may bee our god
reliefe, so long as thou wilst, and so
much as thou knowest to be expedit-
ent for vs thy seruants, to finish our
dayes which thou hast numbered, in
the edifying of thy saints, and glo-
fying of thy holy name. And because
(O Lord) we know nothing of our
seimes , but our ignorant harts are
full of darknes, therefore we beseech
thee, that this thy word (which is
thine eternall wisedome) that now
we haue read, (and wherin we haue
had our conference) may bee in our
minded

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mindes a shining light of thine onely
truth, and in our harts a fruitemfull
seede of our newe birth, so that thine
owne image may bee happily againe
restored in vs, and we may be made
before thee a holy and righteous peo-
ple, by the inward working of thy
gracious spirit, daile strenghtening
our hearts with earnest loue of thy
truth, and carefull obeience of thy
commaundements, through Jesus
Christ our onely Mediatour, who
in the sacrifice of his owne body, hath
purchased vnto vs all thy fauour,
and hath giuen vs this boldnesse to
call vpon thee: vnto whom, O fa-
ther, with thee and the holy Ghost,
be honour and glorie, world
Without ende.
Amen.

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Godly prayers.

¶ A prayer for all times.

O Lord God, father of mercie,
and GOD of all consolation,
without whom wee haue neyther
hope nor comfort, wee were wretched
and miserable sinners beseech thee
of thy faterly goodnesse, to looks
vpon vs, and to make vs parta-
kers of thy gracious goodnesse, so
that euermore wee may set forth
thine honour and glory: let our con-
uersation be such, that a great many
beholding our good workes, may glo-
rifie thee our heauenly fater: and
so direct our waies, that wee may
hold forth the profession of thy Gos-
pell, as a Lanterne to lighten the
steps of a great many, that they may
turne to thee and praise thy name in
their visitation. Thus (O Lord)

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We beseech thee to deale with vs, that
in daed wee may be vessells of honour
vnto thee, now to set foorth the prayse
of thy Name, and after this trans-
torie life, to beholde thy glory, who
hast immortalitie alone, and dwellest
in light, that no man hath approached
vnto: remoue farre from vs our
sinnes and iniquities, that they may
not seperate betweene vs and thee:
blotte out of vs our offences, and
make our prayers righteous, that
thou mayest favourable graunt our
requests: looke vpon vs with thy
favourable mercie, that thou mayest
haue pittie vpon vs, and behold vs
in the righteousness of thy beloued
sonne Christ Iesus, and that wee
may bee presented faultlesse in thy
sight: and thou accepting vs as ho-
lie, we may finde the grace euermore
to set foorth thine honor & glorie, and
to speake of thy prayses in the midst
of

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of all thy people.

Let vs loue, O Lord, the thinges
that are good, and hate the thinges
that are euill, let vs delight in all
thinges that may please thee, and let
vs bee grieved with whatsoeuer is
displeasant in thy sight. And to the
intent wee may haue true vnderstan-
ding, and be able to discerne betwene
thinges, what is good or euill, wee be-
seach thee let thy woorde dwell in vs
plentifully, that it may guide our
vnderstandings, so that wee may as-
bound in all knowledge, and doe ac-
cording to that which is righteous.
And in this estate of true Christia-
nitie, being instructed in minde, and
readie in bodie in all holie obedience,
we beseech thee make vs to grow and
increase from grace to grace, from
fayth to fayth, vntill we come vnto
the fulnesse of age to be perfect mem-
bers of the body of Christ, sayting

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for the blessed hope of thine elect, and
sighing in spirit vntill the time that
thy children be reuealed.

In the meane season, let vs sigh
with all those that haue receiued the
first fruities of thy spirite, that these
daies of Anne may cease, that sathan
be troden downe vnder feete, that
Antichrist may bee reuealed, yet to
many thousands that bee in igno-
rance, that the number of thine elect
may be full, the bodie of thy Saints
made perfect, all teares wiped from
our eyes, euen then when thy sonne
shal appeare the second tyme to iudge
the quicke and the deade, whiche time
(O Lord) send quickly, according to
thy good will, and teach vs to pray
with all thy Saints. Come Lord
Iesu, come quickly: grant this, O
most merciful Father, for thy sonnes
sake, in whose name wee pray vnto
thee. And although we be but earth
and

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and ashes, yet we are bold to say vnto thee, the GOD of all glory, even as hee hath taught vs. Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

¶ A prayer for all estates,



Lord GOD father of light, with whom is no change, neyther yet shadow of change, but hast established thyne appointed counsels, which shall not be changed for euer: thou O God, hast made among vs this diversite of estates and degrees, according as every Common-wealth needfully requireth, keepe vs all, we beseech thee, that wee may walke obediently in our calling, and follow the steppes that thou hast set before vs, even from the highest to the lowe-

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est: let vs accomplish that duty vnto which thou hast appointed vs, and with a faithfull remembrance of thy promise made of old to our fa-ther Abraham, that thou art his ex-ceeding great reward, we may like-
wise depend on thy prouidence, and not seeke any shamefull wayes to get our living, wandring from the
righteousnesse of our vocation, in-
to the manifold errors of sinne and
iniquitie: looke vpon vs, O Lord,
and enrich vs with thy grace, make
vs obedient to our inferiours, mecke-
towards our enemies, faithful to our
friendes, true and iust towards all
men, that wee may dwelle stedfastly
rooted in the hope of thine elect: vnt-
till thou shalt make an end of all our
labours: looke vpon our most ex-
cellent King, and his highnesse ho-
nourable Counsell, and as thou hast
called them to the highest roomes, so
glue

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glue vnto them the greatest measures
of grace, that they faithfully dispence
the Talents committed vnto them:
Lead them with the good King Da-
uid into the sanctuarie, that they may
see thy louing kindnes, which is
better then life, and say with the
Prophet: All flesh is grasse, and the
glory of man is as the flower of the
field, and so consecrate themselves to
doe thy will, offer vp their bodies to
be holie, lively, and reasonable sacri-
fices vnto thee, that they may be nur-
ses & nurſ-fathers vnto thy Church:
Looke also wee beseech thee vpon the
Ministers, whom thou hast appoin-
ted to the preaching of thy Gospell,
make them, O God, faithfull dis-
pencers of thy misteries, without re-
ſpect of persons, to do the werke vnto
which thou hast appointed them,
that they may conuert sinners, and
haue their glory perfect in the day of
Christ:

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Christ: and knit vs together in peace
and loue, that they may be full of cō-
passion one towards another, to re-
ioyce with them that reioyce, and
mourne with them that mourne, e-
specially to instruct one another in
the way of righteousness, that by our
mutuall helpe wee may the better
withstand our enemie, and dwell safe
in hope of thy elect, till our dayes shal
be full, & we shall walke in the waies
of all the worlde, whiche time wee be-
seech thee bring vs happily vnto, euen
for thy sonnes sake, wee beseech thee,
to whom with thee & the holy Ghost,
three persons and one God, be all hon-
our and glory, nowe and for euer-
more, Amen.

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¶ A forme of morning prayer,
necessarie for the present time,
for all godly Christians, to
vse in their houses and
families.



¶ To thee most heau-
uenly Father, do we
giue humble & hartie
thanks, for the sweet
and quiet rest that
wee haue had this
night, for the los-
ing and fauourable deliueraunce
out of all dangers both of body and
soule, whiche wee iustly deserue to be
throwne into for our manifolde sins:
for that thou hast raised vs vp this
mozning, wee pray thee to goe before
vs: and forasmuch as thou seest our
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sluggishnes, and drounes, it woulde
please thee, good Lord, to pull vs af-
ter thee, and to shew vs those wapes,
which thou hast appointed vs to
Walke in. And as thou renuest this
morning, so renue thy mercies: and
as thou canst the sun comfortablie
to shine to our bodily eyes, so bouch-
safe, wee pray thee, to be sunne vnto
our bodies and soules, by the beames
of thy holy Spirit, and Starre of thy
blessed Word, shining in the midst of
our harts, to drive away all the night
and darknes of all prophanenes: to
chase away all want of true feare of
thy good Maiestie: and in place ther-
of, bring in loue towardes thy glorie,
zeale of thy house, loue also towards
our brethren: especially those that
thou aboue the rest commendest vnto
vs, that we may loue them with that
loue where- with thou hast first loued
vs: which is pure, vncorrupt, vche-
ment

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ment, and everlasting: and therefore
wee pray thee to rid our harts of all
naughtp and corrupt ioue, and what
soeuer is vnmeete to bee in those bcs-
sels that are to serue such a mighty
Prince as thou art: and in our Sa-
uiour Iesus Christ, vnto the which
example, in those houses wherin it
pleaseth thy Maiestie by thy holy
Spirit to dwell: and therfore on the
other side, good Lord, chase away from
vs all rancor and malice, all pride, en-
uioufnes, vncharitablenes, vnnatu-
ralnes, vnkindnes, and whatsoeuer
is contrarie to that loue, whereto
thou hast giuen vs a huely example,
graunt, good Lord, that we may al-
wayes haue our eyes lifted vp, and
therin holden, and caused thereby to
profic, vntill such time as we come
vnto that perfection, wherunto thou
hast appointed we shal come. Touch-
safe, nozeouer by the coming of the
selse

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Selfe same spirit, to scatter in vs all
the night and darknes of ignorance,
and forgetfulnesse, and of all those
things which pertaine to the clearer
and fuller knowledge of thy truth.
Take frō vs all negligence, all want
of iudgement and discretion, and de-
liver vs from all those thinges which
thou knowest to bee hindrances to
vs, eyther to walke in that great cal-
ling of Christianitie, whereto
thou hast called vs, or in those seve-
rall and particular callings, wherin
thou hast placed every one of vs:
that we may walke so (good Lord)
both in the one and in the other, that
thy name may bee glorified in both.
Amen.

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Euening prayer.

Lord, prepare our hartes to
pray, bome downe thine
eare (daere father) and
heare vs, open thine eycs,
and looke vpon vs for thy
daere sonne Jesus Christes sake, and
receiue our humble confession, that
wee make to thee against our selues,
which haue broken all thy Lawes,
and therefore deserve to haue thy
heauie iudgements pouzed vpon our
heads, to our bitter destruction, if
thou shouldest enter into iudgement
with the least of our sinnes, wheres
of wee haue so great & infinite thou
sands: notwithstanding we pray to
thee to turne away thy face from our
sinnes, and for Jesus Christes sake
to forgiue vs all that is past, and

grant

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grant that wee may haue the assurance of the forgiuenes of our sinnes, sealed vp by thy holie Spirit in our consciences, whereby wee knowing that wee ars at one with thce, may haue our harts kindled with thy loue so feruently, as it may wast in vs all that is against thy holy will. And for this cause (wee beseech thes Lord) to goc forward in the work of our new birth, that thou hast begun in vs, and never take away thy hand vntill such time as thou hast made an end of it: and to this ende, wes beseech thee to stay in vs euery day, more and more, the old man with his concupisences, nayling them to the Crosse of thy deere sonne Iesus Christ: and causing vs to feele the power of his passion in our bodies and in our soules, that wes beeing partakers thereof, may come also to the fellowship of his resurrection: not

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not only in that we shal once appare before thee, hauing these our base bodics changed, and made like vnts his gloriouſ bodie: but also that wee may in the meane time, rise from the death of sinne to all newnesse of life, and that our good workes may ſhine before men, that they ſeeing them, may gloriſe theſe our heauenly Father, not only they that are of the ſelue ſame religion with vs, but thofe also that are enemies vnto thy truthe, may rather in the time of theyz calling by the boyce of thy gospell, recelde themſelues to be one ſheepfold with vs. And wee moſt humbly thanke thee, O heauenly Father, for all thy louing kindnes beſtowed vpon vs from time to time, and eſpecially for that old and auncient loue, wherewithall thou haſt loued vs from the beginning of the world: for that alſo what thou caileſt vs by the boyce of thy

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my holy Gospell in that good time
that thou hast appointed for vs, hast
giuen vs faith, hope, and loue, and
all other graces whiche thou knowest
to bee needfull for vs: whiche wee
beseech thee to increase in vs with
mighty increases, according to that
thou seest wee haue neede of, hauing
regard to our manifold enemies, that
we haue to wrestle with: and that
we haue not to striue with flesh and
blood; but against the devils them-
selues. And therefore, considering
their strength, and our weakenesse,
their craft, and our simplicitie, their
watchfulnesse, and our sluggishnesse,
their longe experiance and our raw-
nesse, their preparation and our na-
kednesse, and that we haue not onely
nothing to helpe vs, but also do carry
about vs our owne concupisances,
readie to betray vs into the handes
of our enemies: it may please thee to
furnish

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furnish vs from aboue, giuing vs
the strength of thy holy spirite in the
inner man , reaching vnto vs the
copleat harnes of thy grace , wher-
with we being armed on both sides,
may be prepared to all assaies against
all assaults of our enemies. And for-
asmuch as in this weakenes we of-
tentimes giue backe, and sometimes
runne away, wee pray the(O Lord)
that with the hand of faith, we may
lay hold on the victorie of our Sa-
uour Iesus Christ, that albeit wee
be not able to ouercome in our owne
persons , yet notwithstanding wee
may ouercome in his , who hath s-
uercome for vs all: and so bee made
partakers of those promises that
thou hast knit vnto that glorious
victorie. And we humbly thank thee
also for these graces both of the bo-
die and soule, which pertaine to this
present life : desiring thee to increase

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them

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them vpon vs, and in vs so far forth
as thou seest we haue need of, to thy
glozy, the commoditie of others, and
our owne comforts. Therefore, wee
beseech thee Lord, to teach vs with
thy holy spirit the lawfull bse of the
that thou wouldest not suffer our
hearts to be rooted in them, but that
at all times wee may bee willing to
part from them. And whensouer it
shall please thee to call for vs, wee
may willingly go vnto thee, as chil-
dren to their deere fathers, stran-
gers vnto their owne country, and
members of the body vnto the head:
and so much the gladder, by how
much thou Lord art better then all
the men of the world, and the kings
dome which thou hast prepared, bet-
ter then all the kingdomea that are
upon the earth.

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Godly prayers.

¶ An addition to the former morning prayer, as time and leysure shall serue.

We pray not onely
for our selues (O
most mercifull fath-
er) but for all
those that thou hast
appointed to eter-
nall life : beseeching
thee to gather the number of those
that are to bee gathered : those that
thou hast alreadie called, thou woul-
dest alwaies keepe : and to this ende
(good Lord) raise vp faithfull Mi-
nisters both of thy Church & con-
monweale, whose harts thou woul-
dest fill with all graces of thy holy
Spirit more for their callings, more

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also for these dangerous times: root
out from among thy Church, all
ravening and devouring Beastes,
which to fill their owne bellies, de-
stroy thy flocke. Ease thy selfe of all
hirclings and idle shepheards, which
haue no care nor skill to feede thy
flocke with the holsome foode of thy
blesSED word, nor to rule them with
that equitie wherewithall thou wilt
haue thy people to bee ruled: those
Pastors that thou hast ginen, it
would please thee to increase the
number of them: those that are fal-
len a sheepe and carried away with
the corruptions of these times, that
thou wouldest awake, letting them
understand the charge that thou hast
committed vnto them, the trust that
thou hast put them in, and the ac-
count that thou wilt take at their
hands. Be gracious (O Lord) vnto
this Land of ours, and enter not
into.

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into iudgment with the horrible sins
of it, namely, the contempt and light
esteeming of thy holy word, so many
yeeres offered vnto vs, & we beeing
trusted withall, so many Nations
better then we being passe by, whiche
would haue brought forth the fruite
thereof more then wee haue done:
and we not only haue brought forth
no good fruite, but rotten and vasa-
uoy, to prouoke thy Maiestie with
all. Notwithstanding, all these our
sinnes, it would please thee in that
loue, wherewithall thou hast first
loued vs, when we hated thee, and in
that long patience wherin thou hast
hetherto borne with vs, and doost
yet beare, and carriest for our repen-
tance, to graunt vs hattie and car-
nest repentance, our harts being es-
pecially touched with thy holy spi-
rite, striking these rocky hartes of
ours, that they may be resolued into

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riuers of teares for our sinnes, making them soft and make to receaue the print of thy holy word, & seale of thy blessed spirit, writing with thy finger thine owne lawes in them, so that thou mayst reade thine owne hand, acknowledge thine owne seale, and so passe by vs, when thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon the face of the earth, for the iniquities thereof: whereof thou hast giuen, & still giuest from time to time diuers tokenes, which we beseech thee may bee profitable vnto vs, whilst first of all wee acknowledge thy hand striking vs, and thy counsell calling vs therby to repentance, that thy heauie iudgements do not fall vpon vs to our vtter destruction.

Moreover, wee thanke thee, O Lord, for that it hath pleased thee to be the watchman, and as it were the spie of this Church and common weale,

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weale, and hast foreseen all the
stormes, and treasons comming a-
gainst it, and against thine annoy-
ned our Soueraigne whom thou in
mercy hast appointed to rule ouer
it, and hast scattered them & brought
them to naught, and hast pursued
certaine of thine enemies and ours
vnto death, beseeching the to conti-
nue this watchfull and carfull eye
ouer vs, still to doe vs good, and to
pursue the rest of thine enemies and
ours vnto the graue: giving notwithstanding,
repentance vnto the,
vnto whom thou hast left place of
repentance. And to this end, rayse
by the harts of our most gracious
King, and his honourable coun-
sell thy Magistrates, that as they
sit in thy seate, and are called by thy
Name, so they may execute thy iu-
stice, whicheof also thou wylt require a
straight

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straight account at their hands. Wee
desire thee also to shew these thy gra-
ces to all other Churches of thine,
namely, thy Church in Scotland,
that it may enjoy that peace that
thou hast giuen it: and graunt that
the same be referred to the end wher-
e of thou hast giuen it: namely, to the
full establishment of the throne of
thy deere sonne our Sauour Iesus
Christ, and to the building of his
kingdome there. Wee beseech thee also
for the Churches, which thy hand
hath planted long since: especially
those, from whom we haue received
knowledge in time of our ignorance,
places of refuge in time of persecuti-
on: that it would please thee to con-
tinue thy louing kindnesse towardes
them, and therefore cause them to
contauine their faith towardes thee,
and obedience towardes thy holy
word. And whensoeuer it shall be
thy

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thy pleasure, to trye them with any kind of affliction, it would please thee to graunt unto them, that they may put their trust in thee, hauing regard to the truth of thy promises, & to the good experience that they haue of thy helpe in times past, and thereby conceiue comfort and hope, O Lord, even of life in death, and of saluation in destruction. We pray thee also, good Lord, that wee may haue the feeling of our brethren, as members of the same body, and those that liue by the same spirit. And therefore wee pray thee, that according to the manifold troubles that thou shalt visite them with, it would be thy good pleasure, to measure out thy grace in such plentifull manner, that thy childzen may patiently beare, and joyfully attend, for the good houre wherin thou wilt pull them out of all their troubles. And especially wee pray thy

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Majestie for our brethren that are afflicted for thy Gospele sake: namely, those that suffer imprisonment, or otherwise in any Nation, for the clearer testimony of it: that it would please thes to give them patience in all their troubles, wisedome, and mouthes, to defend thy cause, against all those that rise vp against it: that thou wouldest blesse their travails and sufferinges for that, for which they are taken: which is, to gine a freer, course of thy Gospele into all places. And therewithall wee beseech thee for the churches of France and Flanders, which are so miserably racked and torne in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie tryals: that it would please thee to looke upon their sighings and groanings, the teares that fall from their eyes continually, the blood that is shed in all parts of the

Land,

Godly prayers.

Land, the bodies that lyen unburied,
to be meat to the fowles of the aire,
and fishes of the sea, the lonenesse of
wives lacking their husbands, chil-
dren their fathers, and every friend
his friend. And forasmuch as those
things are come bypon them for thy
names sake, let it be thy good plea-
sure to helpe them, considering that
they are forsaken of all their friends
round about: and therfore pray thee
that thou wouldest not looke bypon
our sins, nor the sins of our forefa-
thers, whereby we deserue not onely
this correction, but vtter destrucci-
on, as Sodoin and Gomorrah: but
rather to looke bypon thy mercies
which were before them: whereby
thou hast sayd, that although we do
offend, and thou dost correct vs, yet
thou wilst not take away thy mercies
from vs, but wilst leaue a remnant
which thou wilst multiply, and make

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as the starres of the heauen , and as
the sandes of the sea . Looke also (O
Lord) vpon the outragiousnes and
crueltie, vnsaithfulnes, and blasphemie
of the enemis , wherewithall
they blasphemie thee , and pronoke
thee to thy face, and therefore in thins
owne cause, and for thine owne sake,
take the matter into thine owne
handes , and pay into the besome of
thine enemis double and treble of
that they haue giuen to thee . Net-
withstanding , those amongst them ,
that belong to thine holy election , ha-
sten their calling , that afterwardes
thy iudgements may hasten vpon
the earth , and the inhabitants therof
may learne to knowe thee by thy
iudgments , that wold not vnders-
tand and come to thee , by the loue-
ing calling of the Gospell . Wee pray
thee (O Lord) for our brethren that
are vp in armes in both thosc coun-
trics :

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tries : that thou wouldest goe before them, and come behind them, and on euerie side of them: couer their heads in the day of battell, teach their hands to fight, and their fingers to warre : giue them wisedome & valiancys, & god successe in all their enterpryses : strike a dizines & maze of spirit into their enemis hartes, and take away from them all force & disappoint all their counsels. And vpon our brethren in flaunderys, wee beseech thee that thou wouldest comfort them ouer all the troubles that they haue received, and breaches that haue beeene made in vpon them : and where there are newe forces every day gathered, new sleights inuented to destroy them, it may please thee to scatter their forces, and bring theye sleights to nothing. Yea, graunt also (O Lord) that that whiche they haue devised against thy children,

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may come vppon their owne heads.
And for our brethren in France we
beseech thee (O Lord) what
streightes soever they bee in , thou
wouldst deliuer them : and although
they be forsaken in the iudgement of
all the world, & in their owne iudg-
ments , notwithstanding thou that
hast the issues of death in thine own
hands, deliuer those that are appoin-
ted to death. And finally, wee most
humbly thanke thee , for that it hath
pleased thee to keape vs this day, and
all the daies & times of our lives: bes-
eeching thee, that thou wouldest re-
ceiue vs this night vnto thy holy
keeping, that we may haue quiet rest,
not of bodies alone, but of our soules
also , resting from all those thinges
that are contrarie to thy holy will,
attending while thou raylest vs vp
in the morning to do al those thinges
that thou hast appointed vs. These
things

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things (O Lord G D D) wee desire of thee, & all other things, which thou in thy wisedome knowest to be more needfull for vs and thy whole Church, better then wee are able to aske, or any way worthy of, for Iesus Christes sake, calling vpon thee as he himselfe in his blessed Gospell hath taught vs , saying : Our fater which art in heauen, hal-
lowed be thy name,

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A prayer for the King.



Gracious Lord, and
most mercifull Fa-
ther, wee confess &
acknowlede thea
the Lord of Lordes,
and the King of
Kinges, creating at
the beginning, and ruling all thinges
euermore both in heauen and earth,
according to thy woonderfull wise-
dome and power: and our selues
to bee thy poore seruauntes, the
workes of thy handes, and the
sheepe of thy pasture, subiected to
thy Maiestie, and depending up-
on thy fatherly prouidence for all
thinges. Neuerthelasse, seing
thou in thy wisedome annoyncest
Kinges and Queenes, appoynting
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them to rule ouer thy people, to sit as
Lieutenants in thy seat, to minister
justice, and most of all, as Fathers
and Nurses to maintaine and cherish
thy Church: commaunding vs, not
onely to obey and honour them, but
moreouer to pray for them, as wat-
ching ouer vs for our good: wee
therefore beseech thee, for thy great
mercies sake, and for Jesus Christ
his sake, to shew thy mercie to all
Kings and Princes, that maintaine
thy gloriouse Gospell, but especially
wee pray thee to blesse our gracious
King in all spirituall blessings in
Christ Jesus, and in all temporall
blessings, according to thy good plea-
sure, that in the great measures of
thine effectuall loue, hee may moze
and more finde great increase of ver-
tue, and wisedome, and strength in
Christ Jesus, to the faithfull & hap-
py discharge of his tyme, that his

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holinesse, and ioy, and zeale of thy
house, may be multiplied and euerla-
ting.

Wad, seeing it hath pleased thee of
thy singuler meray, to give him this
especiall honour, first to suffer for thy
gloriosus truth, and afterward mi-
taculously deliuering hym, out of the
hands of his enemies, to set a crowne
vpon his head, and to make him the
instrument to aduaunce thy glorie
and Gospell, for which hee suffered,
and to bring it out of darknesse into
light, out of persecution, into thy
great and long peace: as wee giue
thee most harty thankes for this sin-
guler benefit, so wee beseech thee to
make him and vs euermore thankful
for it, and in thy good pleasure still to
preserue him for the continuance of
these blessings towards vs, with all
increase frō time to time, to thy glo-
rie, the benefit of thy Church, and
his.

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his infinite peace in Christ Jesus the Prince of peace. And furthermore, we pray thee for him, and the estate, that such as be enenies of the Gospell, and his enenies also, for the deslence thereof, may not despise the peace offered them to repentence, but that they may account thy long suffering, and his peaceable and vnbiodie gouernment, an occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfatiued loue to the truth, and their mercifull soueraigne. Otherwise, if they still remaine disobedient to the truth, disobedient to his highnes, and dangerous to the state, then (O God of our saluation) as thou hast discouered them, so discouer them still, as thou hast pzeuented them, so pzeuent them still, and let theyz eyes ware wearie with looking, and their harts faint with wayting for the comming of that, which yet commeth not, neither

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ther let it come, O Lord, wee beseech thee, but a blessed and a long raigne to him, and peace to Sion for euermore.

Also deere Father, so blesse, so loue, so in thy Spirit sanctifie and keepe him that hee may in the spirit of counsell, and fortitude, so rule that other after also, namely, this his Common-wealth, that they may florish together, and growe vp together as Palme trees, in beauty, and in strength, giuing ayde & helpe one to another, that in the Church the glory of God may appear, as the Sunne in his brightnes, and that the land may flow with milke and honey, and true peace abound therein, as in the triumphant raigne of Salomon.

These graces, O Lord, are great, and wee miserable sinners unworthy of the least of them : therefore looke

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not to vs but to thy selfe, not to our iniquities, but to thy great mercies, accepting the death & passion of thy Sonne, as a full ransome for all our sinnes and offences: throwing them into the bottome of the Sea, and making his Crosse and resurrection effectuall in vs to all obedience and godlinesse, as becommeth thy Saints, that to all other thy good blessings towards our gracious Soueraigne, this may bee ad- bed, that hee gouerneth blessedly, ouer a blessed people, a people blessed of the Lord, and beloved of the Lord, and that thy graces may abound as the waters of the sea, in the Prince, and in the people, in the Church, and in the Commonwealth, from day to day, till the day of our translation into the kingdome, where justice inhabiteh, where wee also shall inhabite and raigne with thee, according to

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thy promise for ever. Grant vs these things, O mercifull Father, for thy deere sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ his sake, in whose name wee crave them at thy mercifull hand, praying furthermore for them, as he himselfe hath taught vs to pray.

Our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will bee done in earth as it is in heauen, Give vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespass against vs. And leade vs not into temptation, but deliver vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for ever, and ever. Amen.

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A forme of prayer, daily to be
viced of all faithfull Christians,
in theyr houses or else
where.



I mightie God & mer-
ciful father, through
Iesus Christ our Lord,
in whom and by whom
wee trust that thou art
our God and father,
we most humbly haere prostrate our
selues before the thone of thy Ma-
iestie, beseeching thee first god father
and God, to pardon and forgiue vs
all our synnes which we confesse and
acknowledege against our selues, be-
seeching thy gracions spirit to wokre
in vs the knowledge of them dailie
more and more: that therby wee may
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come to true repentence for them and together therewith: vnto the knowledge of the heighth, breadth, depth, and fulnes, in all sorte of thy grace and mercy, wherby through Iesus Christ thou hast forgotten them, and remoued them as farre from vs as the East is from the West. And althoough wee know by them, too well alas, god Lorde, that wee haue (as much as in vs lay & lyeth,) laboured to prouoke thine anger against vs, heaping sinne vpon sinne, and multiplying offences and transgressions against thy high grace and maiestie, breaking thy holie word and cominaundements: yet thou O lord hast not beene as a man, nor thy affections as the affections of the sonds of men, but hast continued gracious and mercifull, and bountifull vnto vs, in pardoning our sinnes, and daily renewing in vs with the morning,

thy

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thy graces diuers and manifolde.
Therefore wee beseech thee most mer-
cifull Father to gne vs thy holie spi-
rit, that wee yuouke thee no moze,
that thou rise not against vs to de-
stroy vs as wee haue deserued: for
wee haue beene and are dyng as stuble,
and yet thou hast not dispersed and
consaimed vs: we haue been vnfruit-
full, and thou hast not cut vs downe:
yea Lord wee haue brought foorth
wilde and sever fruite, corrupt and
detestable, and yet thou lettest thy
raine to fall, and sunne to shine vp-
on vs.

Make vs therfore we beseech thee,
sorry as it becommeth thy children,
for that wee haue disobeyed thee so
mercifull and louing a Father, and
frame vs daily, and fashion vs to the
likenes of thy welbeloved sonne Ies-
sus Christ our Lord: that in know-
ledge and true holines, wee may glos-
sifie

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rite thee before the wespide, and by
the fruites of godlines and righte-
ousnes, be assured and made certaine
of thy spirit, and of the loue wheres-
with thou louest vs. Make vs
thankfull deere Father, for the in-
finite and unspeakable benetis of our
election to life and euerlastmg glorie
before all time, and for our creation,
and redemption, and sanctisfaction, in
time to bring thy gloriouſ counſell
to passe.

Worke in vs certaine fayth, and
assured hope in thy promyses, the true
feare of thy Majestie, a perfect hate
and destruction of all disordered and
unkind affections. Worke in vs car-
nest loue of thy truth and Gospell,
sincere affection and loue towardes
thy childdren, and amongst our felues
patience, knowledge, vertue, loue,
compassion, with all graces of thy
kingdome, that in all our behaviour
thou

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thou, O God, mayst bee glorified by
vs. Also we beseech thee most merci-
full Father, for the benefits of this
life. That as thou art not onely the
God of our spirits and soules, but
also of our bodies: so it would please
thee, notwithstanding our sinnes, to
graunt vs thy blessings of health,
peace, and maintenance, of which by
thy gracious prouidence, some of vs
do feele the want, and some of vs
haue for long time enjoyed and vsed
the same, that together with them
we may haue thy spirit to instruct vs
as well in the wants, as in the true
and lawfull use of them: that we
may more earnestly and seriously
studie and labour in these vocations
wherin thou hast set vs, through
thy great mercy, to the promoting
and increasing of thy kingdome, to
the benefit and comfort of thy chyl-
dren. And wee pray not only for our
selues,

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selues, but beseech thee to make vs
earnest & fervent in prayer vnto thy
Majestie, even of others also, yea
for all men, that as thou art the crea-
tor of all, so thou wouldest merci-
fully regard them, and continue thy
gracious goodness and mercie, in ad-
ministering and ordering the worlde,
so that by no tyrants, nor wicked
men, that order which thou hast esta-
blished be ouerthrown, but the spring
and haruest, the raine and fruitfull
times, and the ioy which thou shew-
est and givest by them, may prouoke
all men continually to feare and loue
thee: yea, to seeke thee and find thee:
that not in these outward blessings
alone, but much more in the spirit,
they whom thou hast thereunto or-
dayned, may reioyce in thy fatherlike
goodnes by Iesus Christ. And that
to this end it may please thee to pour
out thy graces vpon men, that they
may

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may be instructed and framed meete
instruments for the calling of all such
as thou hast appointed to bee of thy
Church: that these builders may be
cunning and expert: that these gar-
diners may be wise to plant and wa-
ter, with iudgement and discretion:
that these Stewards of thy myste-
ries, may so behaue themselves in
thy Church, that they knowing how
and wherewith to feede thy house,
the glory and beauty therof may ap-
peare in the eyes of all the world,
which thou hast so long before pro-
mised and which to ses, the eyes da-
zill and faint with looking for. And
although we know wel, O Lord, that
the cause of all miserable disorders,
deformities, & breaches now adapes,
is in our selues, whiche shal by thine
hand, and as it were bind thy armes
from reaching them out unto vs for
our saluation and comfort, yet let the

Lord

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Lord arise and be merciful unto ~~Hi-~~
on, & haue pity on the ruines there-
of. For the time is come, our owne
countrey and people are become our
enemies continually whose unne and
disorder, whose ignorance and sub-
vernesse, whose negligence and con-
tempt of thy Word thou hast nowe
long time punished, withdrawing
thy hand from doing them good. For
by thy iust iudgement, nowe many
pecces thou hast plagued them, and
vs, with idle, prophane, unlearned,
and unskilfull Pastors: Guiders
thou hast giuen them but to theyz
ruine: Feeders, but of theinselues,
not of thy flocke. Teachers and Doc-
tors, who haue mouthes but speake
not, eyes but see not, neyther thy
iudgments vpon thy people, nor howe
to goe in & out before them, and that
which is most fearefull, thy good
hand is not with those Prophets
which

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which are amongst them, who doth
sow indeede, but the earth giueth not
her increase: they water, but the
plants rise not in any number, they
feede, but thy flocke is poore: not fat
nor beautifull.

O let the Lord forget the sinnes
of his people. why hath hee bound
them vpon his hand to loske vpon
them for euer? why hath hee set
them day and night in the light of
his countenance? Wee confesse and
acknowledege against our selues, O
Lord G O D, all our sinne, wee
iudge and condemne our selues, yea,
wee haue deserued, that euен these
sparks of thy fire and heauenly light
which are amongst vs, should bee
quenched & put out, that the smoake
of thy glory, which is yet still in thy
Church amongst vs, should rise vp
and vanish away from amongst vs,
as the dewe of the morning, that the
fame

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Anne building which as yet standeth
Were to be thowne downe, that the
Lord should mount vpon his Chariot
and flee from vs.

But shall the Lord deal with his
people by waight and measure: shall
he vse iudgement & not mercie: shall
our Father forget his chyldren, al-
though wee prouoke him: shall not
the sighs and groanes of them that
bewaile Sion, come before him and
enter into his ears: O Lord, let
the iudgement & severitie which wee
haue deserued, be staled: let chariots
and horses be unloosed, let the armes
of the Lordes be discharged, and let the
Lord vngird hymselfe and forget this
counsell, and turne and bee gracious,
and mercifull vnto them that know-
ledge and confesse their sinnes. Let
the Angels that be destroyers goe
from before thy face, to ouerthow
and cast downe all that standeth to
hinder

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hinder thy glory, and to maintaine
sinne, and ignorance, pride, and vani-
ty. That thy good Angels may fol-
low to meete out & discribe all things
that pertaine to the building of thy
Temple. Let them lay to the square
and plummeter, and let all thy people
stand shute, and sing glory, at the lay-
ing of this foundation. Let thy spi-
rit guide all those good Lord, that in
fears and reverence before thee, walks
in their vocation, in the Uniuersities
of all parts of the Realme, yea of
the earth, looking and labouring for
this worke, and increase the little
number as the thousands of Ephas-
im, & the ten thousands of Manas-
ses. And those that laugh at, and
hinder, and drawe backe this worke,
let them bee ashamed & confounded,
and all thy merciuious blessings bea-
thewed in the successe thereof. But
let them haue no force nor strength

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to hinder it, so shall Jacob rejoyce in thy mercy, and Israel in thy everlasting truth: so shall our eyes see thy glory, O Lord, and we sing perpetually to thy praise: so shall Jesus Christ delight in the beautie of his Church, and his people be a people meete to serue him: decked and adorned with his giftes, labouring and studying to please him, that in their his loue may rest. To this end good Lord shew mercy vpon all Prince and Magistrates of the earth, that belongeth to thy election: turning the hearts of all those that hether haue not knowne thy truth, but letting their power and might to satan and Antichrist to persecute thy people, the great dishonor of thy name: that yet nowe at the last they may be brought home into thy sheepfold, and in stead of persecutors, become nursethers and nurse-mothers to the Church.

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Church. But especially wee most humbly beseech thee for al such Princes and Magistrates as haue receyued thy truth. And namely, for our deare soueraigne James, the Kings Maiestie, whom thou hast placed ouer vs in this Realme, and for his most honourable Counsell and all Magistrats therin, that thou wouldest augment the graces of thy holy spirit in him, and in them especially the spirit of wisedome, counsell, and power, that hee and they may goe forward in the work of the building vp of thy Church in all obedience to thy will, speedily, constantly, and per- fenerantly, that thy people, the sheepe of thy pasture, whom thou hast committed vnto his & their gouernment, may godly and peaceably liue and die in thee, and with them, and for them, gloriifie thy most holy name for euer and euer. wee beseech thee

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also good Lord our God, for all our
brethren wheresoever, that those
which are in thy Church in peace
and safetie may prosper and goe for-
ward, and stand in thy truch for-
ever, that thy goodness may be assured
vnto them, that theu wouldest keepe
that place, and maintaine their cause
against all that labour to trouble
them. And for such as do yet labour
vnder tyzannie and affliction, whose
sufferings thou knowest, O Lord,
better then we can declare, it may
pleas thee to bzeake the rod of their
oppresors, to quench the fire of their
aduersities, and to lighten, or rather
cleane take away that burden which
doth so prese, that they together
with vs may ioyne in thy congrega-
tion, and feede safely, so that there
may bee none to scare vs. Let thy
spirit of comfort possesse our hearts,
that all trouble may seeme lesse then
thy

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thy truth and glory, and so lighten our eyss, that in our darknesse wee may haue such sight of thy glory and of Iesus Christ, who is in the high mountaine, where he is now so gloriouss that our grieses may be swal=lowed vp.

¶ An addition in the morning.

Last of all, most louing Father we render humble and speciall prayse unto thy Maiestie, that it pleased thee amongst the rest of thy benefits, graces, and mercies bestowed vpon vs, to take care of vs from our conception, and hauing drawne vs out of the wombes of our Metheres, to preserue vs from dangers both of bodie and soule, whereunto wee are subject: and namely this night passed so to keepe and defend vs vnder the

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shadowe of thy wings, that wee are
come vnto this present day according
to thy good pleasure and ordeneance:
beseeching thee to giue vs all such
graces as wee may employ it wholly
in thy seruice. And for the dooing
hereof, good father reforme our
vnderstanding, keepe the watch of
our tonges, & the doore of our lips
in such sort, that no ill word bee vt-
tered by vs through the same. Rule
and gouerne our hartes that they
think not, our hands that they touch
not, our feete that they goe not to,
our eyes that they see not, our eares
that they heare not any thing, but
that which is to thy glorie. That
thereby we may bee confirmed in thy
infinite and fatherly loue towardes
vs, and walke chearfully in our voca-
tions, waiting for that ful redemp-
tion, and that crowne of glory which
remaineth for all such as hold this
course.

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course vnto the end. These thinges
Wee craue, and all other which thou
knowest needful for vs, & thy whole
Church, for thy deere sonne Jesus
Christ his sake as hee hath taught
vs, saying.

Our Father which art in hea-
uen, hallowed bee thy name. Thy
kingdome come. Thy will be done
in earth as it is in heauen. Give vs
this day our daily bread. And for-
giue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue
them that trespass against vs. And
leade vs not into temptation. But
deliver vs from all euill. For thine
is the kingdome, the power
and glorie, now and
for euermore.

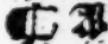
Amen.

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An addition in the euening.

LAST of all, wee beseech thee most mercifull and louing Father, that as this day thou hast graciously ministred strength vnto vs to walke in our vocations, & blessed our studies and labours: so we may bee thankfull therefoze, and haue alwaies thy good hand with vs to bring to fruite and effect, those counsels which wee followe for thy glory. And we pray thee to keepe vs this night in thy tuition and safegard, that we may rest in thy protection. And receiue that comfort and strength of this blessing, which thou hast granted to our weak nature, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Sauiour. In whose name we pray as he hath taught vs, saying. Our Father which art, &c.



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A Prayer against the feare of death.



Being O lord God, thou hast command-
ed in thy holy word that such as are de-
parting from this earthly pilgrimage,
should dispose & set
in order their temporall possessions,
and worldly wealth: it standeth al-
so in reason, that thou wouldest haue
vs carefull of our soules: which we
know shall presently (after our life
ended) appeare before thy presence:
We knowe likewise, O Lord, that
death is certaine, but the houre ther-
of is most vncertaine: so that hee
which liueth in health to day, may
to morrowe be layd in his graue. O
Lord,

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Lord, what haue wee to carry with
vs out of this world : wee brought
nothing into it, neither shall wee car-
rie any thing out of it. Our wealth
and our wisedome, our iivings and
our learnings, our treasure and our
pleasure, wee shall leaue behind vs :
for naked came wee into the world,
and naked shall wee gae out of the
world. Thus hast thou, O Lord,
appointed, thus hast thou ordayned,
this is thy commandement, and our
part it is to obey thy heauenly will.
Wee confesse, O Father, that we are
mortall, frasle, and corruptible : our
life is doubtfull, but death is certain,
and as it is certaine, so it is fearful,
and therefore (O father) helpe our
wearmitics. For how should not we
feare death, of our selues, since the
horror of the same caused thy sonne
to sweete water and bloud ? And see-
ing it is hee that hath boyns our
grefes

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grefes, suffered smart for our sakes,
and hath borne wounded for our in-
iquities: what shall death require of
vs, nowe that thy sonne hath sauad
vs? and if thou, Lord, art with vs,
who is hee that can be against vs?
Man that is borne of a woman is
subject to many miseries, and passeth
as a shadowe and flower of the field.
But yet, good God, sauad vs, for thou
desirest not the death of a sinner, but
rather that hee shold bee conuerted
and live. Wee shal many teares, but
the houre will come, when thou shalt
dye euery teare from our eyes. Lord
punish vs and scourge vs in this
world, euen as it shall please thee, till
wee bee wounded and smitten full of
payne: Visit vs, O visit vs in this
life, lay thy crosse vpon our neckes,
make vs acquainted with afflictions
in this world, that wee may haue the
easier enterance into life everlasting,
and

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and there enjoy the fynnesse of thy
blessings.

What griefe can we dread? what
afflictions can wee feare: seeing all
things prooue for the best to thy chil-
dren? Alas, who is he that can take
pleasure in this life? seeing man be-
ing in it cannot behold thee, and all
things therein contained are fraile
and transitorie. Grant me thy grace
therefore (O God) that I rest not
my selfe heere in earth, nor be a neg-
ligent seruaunt, but a diligent and
watchfull virgin, waiting with ioy
for the comming of Christ my spouse
and beloued. Moreover, most mer-
titfull father, graunt that as sathan
the prince of this world, comming to
tempt thy sonne, obtained nothing,
but to gaze and stare vpon him, so he
may be able to do nothing, whereby
to preuaile against mee, or to get the
victory ouer the chilzen of faith, by
the

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the which our foze fathers holp and approued men, haue conquered kingdomes, subdued myghtie people, shut vp Lyons mouthes, and wrought exceeding great wondres. By the same faith, O Father of all mercie, grant that I may bee emboldened agaist the inuasions of death, not to feare them, but to reioyce in them, as beynge entrances into eternall life.

Amen.

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Godly prayers.

A necessarie prayer against worldly confidence.



Lord God Father of
light, wee poore distres-
sed creatures, liue in
this world as straun-
gers from our native
Country, subiect vnto
many greeves and vexations both in
bodie and minde: grant therefore we
beseech thes, that wee may learne to
rest our selues with a quiet & peacea-
ble heart, in thy grace and promise,
which thou hast made vnto vs thy
seruants, namely, to be alwaies pre-
pared and readie to bee our ayde and
succour.

Furthermore, we beseech thes, most
mercifull Father, that wee put not
our confidence in the vanities of this
world,

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World, but rather appealing to thy power, and depending upon thy prudence, may knowe that our life is like a twined thred, vanishing away like smoake, and moxe variable and uncertainte then the wind. In consideration whereof, give vs grace to confess that with tongue, which it is our duties to haue painted in our hart: namely, that the whole state of our life is in thy hand, and that wes therfore ought to stay vs altogether vpon thy goodnes, and to call vpon thy name, that shrowding our selues vnder thy protection, we may liue in the fulnes of all safetie. Moreouer, graunt wes beseech thee most mercisfull Father, that our conuersation in this life, and the estimation of the same may be such, that neyther idlenes, nor slothfalnesse overcome vs, or withdraw our harts from the meditation and contemplation of everlastinge

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lasting life : but that we may rather
seek thee diligently both morning,
evening, and euerie houre of the day
with a single eye and a pure heart,
that at the appointed time of thy
good pleasure, wee may come to the
end of that course, whiche thou hast
ordayned for vs, and may enjoy that
glorius kingdome, whiche Jesuſ

Christ thy ſonne hath pur-
chased for vs by the
price of his blood.

Amen.

¶ A

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A prayer for mortification and holinesse.



Lord our GOD, most gracious and most mercifull, I do humbly confesse before thee, that I am vnwoorthye to appeare before thy Maiestie, to offer vnto thee any sacrifice of prayer, beeing full of sinne and corruption, naturally gladde of euill, and vnyprofitable to good: yea, beeing so miserable, yet (O Lord) I see not my misery, I feele it not, I bewaile it not as I ought to doe, but multiply mine iniquities, prouoking thy iust iudgement against me. My zeale is cold, my loue is feeble, my exercises of Religion faint and fewe, and I take no way, but that whiche

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leadeth from euill to worse, and finally, would leade mee from unnesse the reward of unne.

All this is true, deere Father, yet my hart is not moaned with feare, all this is true, yet I doe not sorrowe for it, but walke with ioy, where I must, if I continue, reape affliction. Therefore be mercifull vnto me, and blesse mee, be mercifull vnto mee, and in Christ Jesus wash away all mine iniquities, be mercifull, and create in me a true hart, and prepare it to prayer, and to thy holy seruice, for thou alone, O Lord, art my hope, and the mightie God of my saluation. Thou hast giuen mee a desire to serue thee, O teach mee that I may doe it: and the good worke which thou hast begunne, make it perfect in mee, that I may no more loue wilkednes and follow vanitie: but that my good deuures in thee may bee increased,

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creased, and all of them accomplished,
so shall I praysse thee, and magnifie
thee for euer. For there is no honouer
but thy honor, no glory but thy glo-
rie, O Lord: It is in vaine to trust
in Princes, but truly to trust in the
Lord bringeth plentifull saluation.
From age to age it hath appeared,
that thou, O Lord God art merci-
full, and that in thy Courts there is
nothing but truth and holines. This
world is full of vanitie, full of pride,
full of rebellion, and the flesh also.
The world hath many bautes, to de-
struction, and the flesh doth delight
in them, they are swoyne together to
betray vs to sarhan, yea, woe betray
our selues: therefore, deere Father,
by the Crosse of Christ, mortifie in
vs the deedes of the flesh: and cru-
cifie both vs to the worlde, and the
world to vs, that our soules may
live. In our generall calling make

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vs obedient to serue thee in holines, and in righteousness all the dayes of our life: in our particular callings, also make vs faithfull, that wee may neither put away a good conscience, nor make shipwracke of faith. I belieue, O Lord, helpe my unbelieve, in the day of peace and prosperitie make vs sober, in the day of trouble and aduersitie make vs to looke vp, and cheerfully to wait and trust in thee for our deliuerance, that our enemies mouthes may bee stopped by our godly conuersation, and theyz harts pricked with zeale to turne vnto thee.

* Neither doe I pray, O Lord, for my selfe alone, but for the whole bo-
die, into the which I am ingrafted by Christ Iesus: that is, for thy
Church, O God, for thine inheri-
tance, that thou wouldest increase it
from one end of the world vnto an
other,

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other, that all Nations may worship before that footestole. Especially, O Lord, I pray for them that profess thy Gospell, as for this our Nation, that thou wouldest be mercifull unto it, turning our harts to thee. For our gracious Soueraigne king James, and for all his Counsell, that thou wouldest poure thy graces vppon them, to the discharge of theyz dutty, and our peace, for all thy holie Teachers in the Church, that thou wouldest blesse them and theyz labours, for the peace and full beautie of this Church, for the peace and wealth of the Common-weale. Wee pray thee also for to blesse all the meanees to bring this to passe. Also wee pray thee for our Parents, & for all others to whom we owe especially all loue or service: but principally we beseech thee to shew thy compassion vpon all that are in persecution

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tion for thy Gospell: O Lorde increase and renue theyz strength, giue them victorie, and turne their aduersaries hearts, if they appertaine to thy holie election: otherwise (O Lord) bring bypon them the confusson that they would bring vpon others, and into the pit that they haue digged: let them fall and never rise againe.

O Lorde, heare vs in these futes, pardon our dull spirits in prayer, and giue vs these and all other graces needfull for vs, and the Church to thy glory, for our Lord Jesus Christ his sake, in whose Name we further pray vnto thee, as hee hath taught vs, saying: Our Fas-
ther which art in hea-
uen, &c.

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¶ A short prayer for the morning.

Wee give thee thankes O Lord our God, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the quiet rest and sleepe, whiche graciouslylic thou hast bestowed vpon vs this night past, for the preseruation of our bodies. Also, we thank thee for the graces of our redemption, of our creation, for our calling in the Gosspell, and for thy great patience, in tarrying so long for our repentance: beseeching thes to give vs this grace also among the rest, that we may vse all other graces to thy glory and our saluation. And nowe, O Lord, seeing thou hast res-
tenued the light of the day vpon vs:

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vene also, wee pray thee, the light of
thy countenance toward vs, to open
our eyes, that we may haue sences
exercised in putting a difference be-
tweene light and darkness, betweene
earthly things and heauenly things,
betweene true obedience and hypocri-
sie, that having of this wisedome,
wee may by thy power eschew the e-
will, and follow the good constantlie
and patiently. For which cause,
Stretch foorth thine hand, O God, to
leade and keepe vs this day in thy
ways, that wee may doe all thinges
in a holy zeale of thy glorie, and in
godly loue to our brethren. And as
this day addeth somewhat to our age,
so let thy holie Spirit adde therein
somewhat to our knowledge & fayth,
so that growing in the measures of
thy grace: wee may serue thee in ho-
liness and righteouenes this day, and
all the daies of our life. Grant these
things

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thinges, O deere Father, for Jesus
Christ his sake, in whose Name wee
pray furthermore, saying. Our fa-
ther which art in heauen. &c.

Prayer before sleepe.



Lord O D most
gracious and most
holy, wee thy poore
seruaunts, beseech
thee for Jesus christ
to accept thy s ouer
poore euening Ha-
crosse of prayer and thanksgiving:
Whiche nowe wee offer vp to thee, gi-
ving thee most hartie thanks, for thy
loue toward vs, this day past, in
keeping vs from the punishment of
our sinnes, that might iustly haue
beene layde vpon vs, and in feeding
our bodies with sweete foode, and our
hartes

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harts with gladnes, shewing thy self
not onely the autho^r, but also the che-
risher and maintainer of our life, we
having bⁿworthyp of the least of all
thy benefits. But pardon our bⁿ-
worthincs, O Lord, throw all our
sins into th^e bottoine of the **Sea**,
which wee this day, or at any other
time haue committed against thee, and
continue thy loue towards vs euer-
more, and namely this night: wher-
in (although bodily darkness be fal-
len vpon vs) yet keepe vs from the
spirituall darkness of sinne and igno-
rance, and though wee craue quiet
leepes for our bodies: yet we beseech
thee that our mindes never rest nor
s^eape, but that they wait and watch
on thee continually. Keepe them in
good meditations, free from all vaine
d^ereames, and other offences, that wa-
king and sleeping wee may be thine,
made & employed to the setting forth

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of thine honour and glory, in all help
obedience, through Jesus Christ our
Lord, in whose name wee pray fur-
ther as he hath taught vs. Our Fa-
ther which art in heauen, hallowed
be thy Name. &c.

A prayer against the secret ve- nim, and great danger of prosperitie.



Lord, prepare my
hart to wisedome,
prepare it to praya-
er, and teach my
soule to feare all the
dangers wherwith
it is beset on euery
side: and graunt good Father, that
I may not pray in wordes, or in
sound of speech, but in spirit a fayth.
I acknowledge to thee (O Lord)

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thy great mercies toward mee at this time : for beside the vnspeakable graces of my redemption, and of my holy calling in the Gospeil, which are euermore good, thou hast giuen mee a large measure of earthly bles-
sings, my table is richly and daintilie furnished , my Cuppe overfloweth, mine enemis are chased away , and I feele no want, no affliction, no sor-
row. My prosperitie leadeth mee as by the hand, from one delight to anoth-
er, and from one pleasure to ano-
ther. In the mozung peace is at my right hand and at night quietnesse at my left. Oh Lord, are not thele thy
blessings : hast not thou opened thy mercifull hand, and filled me with all
these comforts ? True it is, O Lord,
that they come all from thee , and for
them, I am indebted vnto thee , and
give thee great thankes. But alas
(Lord) I finde by experiance that
prosperity,

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prosperitie, such is our infirmitie,
carrieth vs to too farre away, it fea-
deth vs so from day to day, and from
time to time with new delights, it in-
gendreth also secretly such peace and
confidence in these things, which are
but as a Reede to leane vpon, that
wee are carried away, we forget not
thee onely, but our selues also. But
the day of aduersitie, the day of sick-
nesse, the day of trouble, that layeth
open our weaknes, it causeth much
care to be released, it pronoketh man-
ny prayers for releefe: Oh it is a
happy day, a day of returning to the
Lord, a day of repentance as in sack-
cloth and ashes: Oh howe may my
soule prayse the day of affliction,
wherein I called vpon the Name of
the Lord, and hee heard mee, and I
found that his rod comforted mee.
Neuerthelesse, oh good Lord consider
and helpe: two dayes of health take
away

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away the fruit of many dayes of sicknes, we are as men sea-sickke, that comming on the shoyre, presently returne to ioy and mirth, and so get both dangers on the sea, and dangers of the land. So came it to passe from age to age in thy people of Israell, beeing tyed fast in misery and pson, they called vpon thee, and received mercy, beeing deliuered, they soone turned backe like a bowe, and became drunken with prosperitie. Then thy face was against them, thy anger was kindled, and they cast into affliction againe: but in theyz miseries they renewed theyz prayers, and thou diddest renue thy grace, but newe prosperitie, brought newe rebellion, newe rebellion, newe punishments, and newe punishments newe conuersion. The house of mirth was to them, and is to all a bayte to wan-
tonnes, but in the house of sorrow, a

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prosecution of humilitie and prayer, prosperitie is as a cup of wine mingled with poyson, as a bed of securite, and a way to destruction. Therefore, O Lord, with the fulnesse of earthly things, giue mee also the fulnes of spirituall things, that I for-
get thee not in vanitie of life, or in the
false delights of unfull flesh. O keepe
my hart that it be not made drunken
with prosperitie: but grant me in so-
bernes, to vse thy blessings to thy
glory, and to the releefe of my bre-
thren: and when I reioyce, not to
reioyce in these base things, for that
reioycing is euill, but to reioyce in
thee, turning my mirth from wanton
dances, from vaine songes, from o-
ther carnall delights, to exercises of
Religion, to helps of knowledge, and
singing of Psalms with melodie to
thee in my hart. Finally, O Lord,
seeing that in this earthly prosperity,
there

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there is so great abuse and so present
danger, for want of grace to use the.
Oh Lord teach mee the true use of
them, that I may not set my hart
thereon, but in thee, giuing thee
thanks for them, and laboring with
a diligence through thy grace in Je-
sus Christ, that they be not through
my wickednesse turned into curses.
As Salomon teacheth wisedome, to
take heede of an harlot: so teach me
to take heede of vaine pleasures in
worldly matters, that I be not be-
witched through prosperitis, and for-
get thee, batheing my selfe in pleasures
and neuer setting thee before mine
eyes. O mercifull father, worke this
in mee, that I may be rich in good
works, that I may haue, as not ha-
ving, that I may use the world, as
not abusing it, but vsing it to thy glo-
rie in Christ Iesus, who with thee &
the holy Ghost, bee blessed for euer.
Amen. ¶ 3

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¶ A prayer before Child-birth.



If thy waies are iust,
(oh deere father) & thy
iudgements are true
altogether. For woer-
thily doth man lie in
the sweet of his face, & the
woman bring foorth Cildren with
much paine and trauaile, & with great
danger. Yea (O mercifull father) this
paine is not a sufficient punishment
for the grievous transgressiōs wher-
with we and our forefathers haue
transgressed thy most holy will. The
punishment is in respect of our deme-
rits too small, but in respect of our
weaknes, too great for vs, without
thee to endure. Wherefore as I ac-
knowleage (O mercifull father) this
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trauaile in chylborth (whiche now ap-
preacheth) to be a just reward of my
manifold sins: so I acknowledge also
thy readie arme of defence, stretch-
ed out ouer me, & ouer all them that
call vpon thee in faith. Grant there-
fore, O dore father, that I may in
faith pray and waite soz that tyme of
my trauail patiently, that I may end-
ure it, when it shall be present, con-
stantly and thankfully: knowing
that although I then feele some tast
of the reward of sinne: yet I fele not
all, and that little which I then feele,
thou doest presently rewarde with
comfort of gladnes, when a Childe
is borne into the world. The whiche
comfortable and glad issue, graunt
me (O Lord) if it be thy good plea-
sure, and having received such fruite
of my bodie: graunt me moreover,
Wisdom and strength to bring it vp
in thy feare, and to trauaile (as it
were)

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were) againe with it, till it be borne
again into a heauenly life, to the glo-
rie of thy holy name, and my greater
joy, so that it may finally in Christ
Jesus, be pertaker of those blessings
which thou doost plentifully rayne
downe bypon the faithfull, and their
seede for ever. And because I am not
woorthie to present this my fute to
thy heauenly Maiestie of my selfe, a
most wretched and sinfull woman:
I offer it in the name, in the righte-
ousnesse, and in the strength of my
Lord and Sauour Jesus Christ,
praying furthermore as hee teacheth

vs to pray. Our father which
art in heauen, hallowed be
thy name, thy king-
dome come. &c.

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Awake

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A Wake thou that sleepest, and stand
up from the dead, and Christ shall
give thee light. Eph. 5.14.

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good workes,
and gloriſie your Father which is in
heauen. Mat. 5.16.

We will sing of thy power, & will
praise thy louing kindnes betimes
in the morning for thou hast beeue e-
uer our strength, our refuge, our de-
fence, and our most mercifull Lord.
Pſal. 14. 6. Pſal. 50.18.

¶ A prayer for the mor- ning.

W Ee yelde vnto thee our most
hearty thankes, O heavenly
father, for that thou hast deliue-
red vs from all perills and daun-
gers of the night, and brought vs
safe

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safe to the beginning of this day:
We beseech thee that thou wile in the
same, and euer hereafter receive us
into thy defence and protection: and
as thou hast remoued the darknesse
of the night, restored the light of the
Sunne, and raised us from sleepe: so
thou wouldest boughsafe also to re-
moue from us, the inward darknesse
of ignorance, to rapsle us from the
sleepe of sinne, and to lighten our
minds with the heauenly beames of
thy most holy Spirit: and with the
knowledge of thy deere Sonne our
Saviour Jesu Christ, the true light
of the world, that wee eschewing the
woorkes of darknes: may guide the
steps of our liues after the light of
thy holy word, walking comly as the
children of light, in holines & righte-
ousnes, as in the day, & in thy sight:
and in the ende, may come unto that
most blessed eternall light, which thou

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doest inhabite the same thy sonne our
sauioz Jesus Christ being our guide
thereunto. To whom with thee
and the holy Ghost, one God of most
glozious maiestie, be all honour and
glozy world without end. Amen.

O God, who commaundeth the
light to shine out of darknesse,
shine in our harts, and giue vs the
light of the knowledge of thy glory,
in the face of Jesus Christ. I. Cor-
inthians. 4.

Open our eyes that wee may bee
turned from darknesse to light, and
from the power of sathan, vnto thee
our God. Acts, 1.5.6.

That we may receiue forgiuenesse
of sins, and inheritance among them
which are sanctified by faith, that is,
toward thy Sonne Jesus Christ.
Acts, 1.8.

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¶ Another euening prayer.

Alnightie God, who
as thou hast made
the day for laboure
and trauctile, so hast
thou created þ night
for the rest and re-
freshing of our wea-
ried bodies and mindes: wee meſt
humbly beseech thee, that as the night
darkneth and shadoweth all things:
ſo thou wouldest for thy deſtre ſonne
Iesus Chrifts ſake, hide our ſinnes,
remouing them for thy ſight, put-
ting away the memory of them by e-
ternall oblivion, that as our bodies
shal haue the rest of ſleepe, ſo alſo our
minds by hope of thy mercy, may en-
joy the rest of a quiet conſcience, and
ſo

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So being wholly refreshed, we may arise
awake & rise unto thy seruice the next
day, and all the daies of our life: and
when death it selfe shall come (from
the which it is as easie for thee to
raise vs, as from bodily sleepe) wee
may rest in hope of that most joyfull
Resurrection, wherin our bodies
shal awake vnto the euerlasting day,
which shall never be interrupted
with any darknesse: when wee shall
be made pertakers of the inheri-
tance of the Saints in light, in that
most blessed Cittie, the heavenly Je-
rusalem, where shall bee no neede of
Candle, neyther of the Sunne, nor
of the Moone, to lighten it, for thy
glory, O God, shalt lighten it, and
thy Sonne the Lambe shall bee our
eternall light. Unto the which most
gloriosus light, and kingdome of thy
deere Sonne, we beseech thee bring
vs, for the same our Sauour Jesus
Christs

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Christes sake: unto whom with
thae and the holy Ghost, be all hos-
nour and glorie now and for ever.
Amen.

A prayer.

Almightie God, sith thou of
thine infinite mercy hast not
only admitted vs, but also
taught, yea, and commanded
by thy holy and deere sonne
our Lord Iesus Christ, (that wee
trusting in his merrits and protection,
he being our intercessor) should
believe that thou art a louing father
vnto vs. And that wee should also
call thee father, giue vs wee deseech
thee that we may haue in our harts,
sure trust (without feare) of thy fa-
therly loue: and that wee may with
glad mindes, call thes father, know-
ledge,

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ledge, loue, and crie on thee in all iec-
pardies, giue vnto vs all greeting
and brotherly loue, so that wee may
perceiue euerie one of vs, that
wee are truely brothers and sisters, and
may pray to thee as to our common
and mest mercifull father, every one
for other, even as kind Children en-
treate their father one for ano-
ther.

Grant that none of vs secke that
which is his owne, or else forget o-
ther in thy sight: but that annoyding
all hate, enuite, discention, as it be-
commeth the true children of God,
wee may loue together with due fa-
uour. Teach vs to regard none o-
ther thing then our souls health, and
the euerastring heritage, so that this
temporall countrey and worldly he-
ritage, (which compasseth and noy-
eth vs, labouring to make vs earth-
ly, and like vnto it selfe) deceiue vs
not,

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not, so that wee say truly and with
a faithfull hart. Our heauenly Fa-
ther, giue vs the grace that wee may
bee thy heauenly childdren, and grant
vs that in all perills wee may call
vpon thy Name without ceasing:
graunt that by our sinnes, no man
may take occasion to slander thy ho-
ly Name, giue vs before all things
true and constant faith in Christ,
hope without feare in thy mercie, a-
gainst all infirmitie of our weake
consciencies, and pure loue towards
thee, and all men, keepe vs from in-
fidelitie, desperation, and malice, so
that wrath, or any other bitternesse,
haue not his kingdome in vs, ligh-
ten mine eyes, least I sleep, or be
wearie in the good life oncs begunne,
grant that thy kingdome which shall
come, may finish and performe this
kingdome which is begunne by thee.
Make vs desirous of other life to come,

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gfe vs grace not to feare death, but
rather to desire it, and to bee with
Christ. Endue vs with thy grace,
that wee may gladly suffer all diseas-
ses, pouerty, despisings, persecutio-
ns, crosse, and aduersities: know-
ledging that it is thy will to crucifie
our will, make vs that we quite not
euill for euill, neither to auoyde vio-
lence, by violence, and that wee im-
pute it not to the devill or euill men,
when any aduersitie commeth, but
vnto thy godly will, without whom
a sparrow falleth not on the ground.
Make that all our members, eyes,
tongue, hart, hands, and feete, bee not
suffered to follow their desires, nev-
er that we be at any time subdued
vnder them. Teach vs to vnderstand
that no man may hurt vs, except hee
doe himselfe much more hurt in thy
sight, so that wee may bee moued rather
to weape for his blindnes, then
to

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to thinke of aduengement , give vs
grace that wee rejoyce not in their
trouble, which haue resisted our will
or hurt vs, and also that wee bee not
sorrie when they prosper and haue
welfare. O heauenly Father , give
vs this grace, that the life of Christ
his word, works, and passions, may
be preached, known, and holden, both
of vs and of all the world, give vs
grace that in our passions , and ad-
versities, we may comfort our selues
by his passion and Crosse , and that
wee may with a stable faith over-
come our death by his death, and fol-
lowe without feare this noble Cap-
taine into another life . Teach vs
by thy grace to thinke and haue in
minde truly (and as wee ought to
doe) the passion of Christ , and to
isynge it happily with our life, so that
wee may come & attaine some thing,
though it bee but a shadowe of it.

Final-

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Finally, giue vs our dally bread, that
Christ in vs, and wee in Christ, may
dwell perpetually, and may worthily
bare this name, whch of christ we are
called Christians. Give thy peace
into our hartes, that wee rejoicing,
may looke for thy iudgement, and
gloriosus coming of Iesus Christ
in the cloudes, to whom is giuen all
iudgement in heauen and in earth.
Teach vs (deare father) not to sickle
or bee comforted in our good workes
or deseruings, but to submit our
selues faithfully to thine incompara-
ble mercy. Againe, make that wee
despaire not for this our guiltie and
unfull life, but that wee may iudge
thy mercie more myghtie and strong-
er then our life, howsoever we haue
orderd it, so that we refreshed by the
sure trust and confidence of thy mer-
cie in the bottome of our heart, may
live, die, suffer, and take all thinges
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patiently. Make that wee resist and fight against this superfluitie of meate, drinke, sleepe, sloth, and idlenesse. Make that we may bring our old Adam into bondage and subiection, with fasting, temperate dyet, cloathing, sleepe, rest, watch, and labouer, so that he may be meete and apt to good workes: Make that when we heare any glad or pleasant thing, or fele any sweet thing, that we seeke not therein our delight and pleasure: but thy p[er]aise and gloriy. Keepe vs that the false subtiltie of this world, the counterfeit brightnes and entisements of the same, perswade vs not to followe it. Grant vs by thy grace to possesse our soules with patience in all our afflictions. Finally, fulfill vs al with thy grace that in this miserabile and perrilous life, (which is compassed with so many continuall enemisg that never cease) wee may fight

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fight boldly with stable and constant
Fayth, and obtayne the euerlasting
crown. O father, deliuer vs from
suddaine death: keepe vs from hun-
ger, deach, and war: keepe vs from
all euill and perills of the body, to
thy glori and our saluation. Graunt
vs, good Lord, that all these prayers
may be obtained of vs without any
doubt: neyther suffer that wee mi-
strust any thing, but that in all these
things, wee shall bee heard, yea, be
heard alredy. And let all these things
be sure and without any doubt, so
may wee with glad harts say,

Amen. That is to say sta-
ble, constant, true,
and sure.

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Of Fayth.



Trust, deere bretheren,
ye ought to giue dt-
ligēt hēd þ you may
purely vnderstande
what Fayth is, and
what fruits proceed
out of her, & to con-
clude the sum in few wordes: Faith
is a sure perswasion & full of know-
ledge, that God for his truth & righ-
teousnes sake, will fullfill such promi-
ses as he hath made vnto vs, of his
mercie & favour, in his holy Testa-
ment, whiche sure perswasion must be
giuen from God. 1. Cor. 12. For it
cannot be gotten but by Gods pow-
er, neyther yet retained. Therefore
with feare and trembling, performe
that health whiche is begunne in you,

for

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for it is God that worketh in you, both the will, and also the deed, euen at his owne pleasure, & see that with all meeknesse yee submit your selues vnto the vocation of God, not seeing the libertie of the flesh, neyther yet despising good works, and the spirit of G D D, which resteth in a faithfull man, helpeth our infirmitie, and fighteth without intermission against sinne, the Devill, and the world.

The power of faith.

THE power of fayth, is to iustifie vs, that is, to dispoile vs from all our vices, and lay them on Christes backe (which hath pacified the ffa-
thers wrath towards vs) and to en-
due vs with anothers righteousness,
that

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that is Christ, so that I and all my
sunes are Christ, and Christ with
all his vertues are mine. For he was
borne for vs, and giuen vnto vs.
Esay, 9. Rom. 8. To obtaine this
righteousnes; God the father requi-
reth nothing of vs, but that we be-
lieue on him, and make him no lyer:
Hee that beleueth that God of his
mercy hath made vs these promises,
and that for his truth sake, hee will
fulfill them, he setteth to his seale, that
God is true, but hee that beleueth
not, or doubteth of this, as much as
in him is, hee maketh God a lyer.
1. John. 5. For whp shouldest thou
doubt in him, except thou thoughtest
that hee were a lyer, and would not
keepe his promise which hee made.
Nowe if thou count God, which is
the very truth, to bee a lyer, art not
thou worthy a thousand damnati-
ons.

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¶ The workes of Faith.



Byth worketh by charitie, for when my raz-
ing conscience which feelcth her sinne, is pa-
sified, and set at one with G D D through
Faith, then remembryng the feruent
loue of God towards mee, I cannot
but loue my neighbour againe, for
there is no man that hartily loueth
the Father, and can hate the Sonne,
and although the Sonne be naught
and unchristie, yet for his Fathers
sake, he will helpe to better him, and
eten lament and be sorry for the sons
wickednes: likewise, if wee hartily
loue G D D for his infinite benefits
done vnto vs, then can wee not hate
that

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that creature, which hee hath made
after his owne likenes, whom God
the father loueth so tenderly, that has
gave his owne sonne vnto the death,
to redeeme him, yea, and whom hee
hath adsopted through Christ, to be
his Sonne and heire. Now, albeit
wee see no kindnes in this man, for
which wee shoud loue him, yet hath
God shewed his kindnes enough for
the which we ought to loue him, and
succour him at all times. Let vs ther-
fore loue him, for the loue that God
the Creatour hath shewed vs, and
beare his infirmitie: if hee fall, let vs
lift him vppe againe, and indue him
with our wisedom & all our workes,
even as Christ hath done with vs.
And this is an evident token that
thou louest God, when thou louest
thy brother. 1. John, 4. And seekest
all meanes to helpe him. These are
the good workes that followe faith,

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And are evident tokenes that thy
Faith is right and pure. Thus seest
thou how good workes flow out of
Faith, through charite, and charite
or loue, is the fulfilling of the whole
law. Rom. 13.

¶ Good workes.

Among good workes, the cheefe
are to bee obedient in all
things, vnto Kings, Prin-
cesses, Judges, and such other
Officers, as far as they com-
mande ciuil things, that is to say, such
thinges as are indifferent, and not
contrarie to the commandements of
God. For then must we rather obey
God then men. Acts. 4. Although we
should lese both our substance & life
thereto. To honor rulers, to promote
Peace, to pray for the Communaltie,
and

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and to apply all our studiēs to profit
th̄m. The next are to be obedient to
Father and Mother, to prouide for
household, both nourishing our familiē
with bodily sustenance, and also
to instruct them with the wordē of
God, and so to bee their Gouernour,
carnall, and spirituall. Then must
wee looke how wee ought to behauē
our selues towards our neighbours,
knowledging that all the giftē which
are giuen vs of God, are not giuen
vs for our owne selfe, but for the edis-
fying of the congregatiōn. 1. Cor. 12.
And if we bestowe them not on that
manner, we shall surely giue a recko-
ning for them before the Lord: Al-
mong these, ought we to haue re-
spect vnto the Preachers and Minis-
ters of the Word, that they may be
had in honour, and well prouided
for. And aboue all things, good bre-
thren, addresse your selues vnto that
necessary

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necessary worke, prayer. Remember so pray for all estates, for that is a worke that Christ and his Apostles full diligently exhorted all men unto, promising them that they should obtaine theyz petitions. John. 16.1. John 4. If they be according to the will of God, and for his glory.

Wheresoever is true faith, there is also repentance with it, there is hate of sinne, there is true feare: and againe, there is comfortableness of hart kindled by the holy Ghost, a desire to further Gods glory among men. The duties of charitie, or to comprehend all in one worde, true holines, which the flesh figheth against. This holiness is not made perfect at an instant: but groweth all the time of mans life.

Labour for a lively sight and sence of heavenly things, and so shall no sight or sence of earthly things trouble

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ble your affections, further then you
shall be able enough, with ease and
pleasure to relinquish and forsake
them, whensoeuer Gods glory shall
require. Now this sight and sence
of heauenly things, is not otherwise
then by Fayth, or rather maketh an
end. Therefore in all matters of
Religion, and concerning saluation,
leauie reason with Abraham as hee
did, and leauie your corporall sences
with his seruants in the valley to be
occupied in chayl thinges: If that
you will clime vp with Isaack into
the hill of heauen, whether God
our Father bring vs, for
his mercies sake.

Amen.

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¶ A Prayer for the obtaining of a godlic life,

¶ God of eternall glorie, and
Lord of everlasting light, I
pooze wretched, being not ones
lic a sinner, but even verie
sinne it selfe, lamenting my
misery, and deplozing my estate from
the bottome of my hart, humbly on
my knees present my selfe before the
throne of thy mercie, beseeching thy
fatherly goodnesse for Iesus Christ
his sake, to pardon and remit all my
sinnes past, and in all the time of my
life following, to keepe mee through
the power of thy might, from falling
into the like greeuons sinnes and of-
fences which too too long, O Lord,
I haue beeene ledde captiue in. Grant
mee thy grace hencforth to bee my
guide,

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guide, & thy holy spirit to instruct me,
that I may become a newe creature,
leading a vertuous and godlie life, to
the glory of thy holy Name and good
example of all men, who seeing my
good woxkes, may thereby be moued
to honour, and praise thee in the midst
of thy congregation.

And although it be vnpossible, so
long as we dwell in the tabernacle of
this earthly body, truely to please
thee, to liue without sinne, or to lead
a life pure and vncorrupted in thy
sight, yet, O Lord, I beseech thee to
keepe mee innocent from the greatest
offences, (though the least sinne were
comittit, either in thought, worde, or
deed, in thy justice be damnable) as
namely pride, vaine glorie, whoredome,
gluttonie, drunkennesse, covetousnes,
contempt of thy word,
hardnes of hart, and all other gree-
uous and haynous sinnes, whereby
thy

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thy Maiestie is most dishonoured,
and I both in soule & body brought
deepely into thy heauie displeasure.
But if it be thy wil in thy secret and
unsearchable iudgements, that at a-
ny time I fall (through fraultie) into
any of them, yet, O Lord, I beseech
thee let mee not continue long there-
in, but especially raise mes vp againe
through thy mightie power, and ne-
uer lay my sinne vnto my charge, but
freely forgiue the same and all other
mine offences for thy beloued sonne
Jesus Christ his sake.

And as it may please thee to purge
my body and outward man, from the
filthinesse of sinne, so I beseech thee
let it be thy good pleasure, to purifie
and make cleane, my soule & inward
man, from sects, schismes, heresies,
and errors, from idolotrie, spirituall
whoredome, and all kind of factions
and erronious opinions, contrarie

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to thy sacred Worde, that I appear
inge cleane in thy sight, not cloathed
with mine owne righeteousnesse, but
with the righeteousnesse, holines, in-
nocencie, and integrity of Christ Je-
sus, may through the merrits of his
passion, after this life ended, raigne
with thee in thy kingdome of glory
for ever: to whom with thee and the
holy Ghost, bee praysse for evermore.
Amen.

A Prayer for such as in this world be verie rich and wealthie.



Eternall G O D and
most mercifull Father,
frō whom al good things
do come & procede, who
in thy wisedome distri-
bwest thy benefits and
blessing

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Beflowest thy blessings manfolds
wise, as I entch good to thy heauenly
will, to some more, to some lesse, as
thou (who knowest all thinges) see-
est it to be best for every one. I gue
thee hartie thankes, in that it hath
pleased the to bestow vpon mee, a
most vnuworthy sinner, such large
blessings of earthly treasures and
riches in this life, most humbly bes-
eeching thee, for thy great mercies
sake, to gue me grace to vse them to
thy glory, and to the helpe and com-
fort of those that haue neede, know-
ing that thou hast gien mee this a-
boundance, to the end that I should
be ayding and helpfull to others, vp-
on whom it hath pleased thee to
lay the crosse of poverty, and that I
am but as a steward frē thee which
must render account how I haue be-
stowed them. I beseech thee also good
Lord, that while I liue and possesse
plenty

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plenty of all things from thee I may
be carefull to doo good unto all men,
but especially vnto them that bee of
the houſhold of faith , according as
thy holy word hath comandēd me,
laiyng vp thereby a good ſtore for my
ſelſe againſt the day of wrath, and to
make me friendes of brighteouſ
Hammon , that when I depart
hence, they may receue me into euer-
laſting habitations.

And as theſe be thy good gyfts, O
heauenly Father, ſo I beseech thee-
that I abuse them not, either by get-
ting, retayning, or otherwise by miſ-
pending of them. Let not my hart
at any time be affeſted towards them,
nor my mind drownded in the delight
of them, but that alwaies I may eſ-
teeme both them and all things elſe,
as vile dung and filthie durt in re-
ſpect of thee. And in the midſt of mine
abundance, keepe mee, O Lord, that

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I aduance not my selfe vaine-glorie
duly aboue my brethen, that I be
not puffed vp, nor high minded, and
that I consume not thy treasure vp-
pon pride, whoredome, gluttonie,
drunkennesse, or any other wicked-
nesse else whatsoeuer, thereby pur-
chasing thy heauy iudgement against
me for the same. But graunt good
Lord, that as thou hast made me
rich and wealthy in worldly sub-
stance, so thou wilst make mee much
richer in all goodness, righteouesnes,
holines, and innocencie of life, tho-
rough Jesus Christ our onely medi-
ator and aduocate: to whom
with thee and the holy ghost,
be praise for ever,

Amen,

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¶ A prayer for such as be poore and needie.



Eternall and everly-
uing God, who ap-
pointed divers and
sundry states & con-
ditions of men, some
rich, some poore, some
high, some lowe, and
hast notwithstanding commaunded
every one to be content with his estate
and calling, without repynning or
grudging against thee for the same.
I a poore wretched, and miserable cri-
tique, whom it hath pleased thee to
place in the lowest and meaneſt de-
gree, most entirly beseech thy father-
lie goodnes, to giue mee grace to be
well contented with the same, to
submitte my will to thy will, to de-
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pend wholy vpon thy prouidence, to
cast all my care vpon thee (who hast
promised to care for me) to repose all
my affiance, trust, and confidence in
thee, and none else, and to looke for all
good things at thy mercifull handes.
And though I bee pooore and needie,
O Lord, yet I beseech thee, let me
not dispaire of thy helpe, nor yet at-
tempt any unlawfull risings to main-
taine my estate withall contrary to
thy will. But grant that I having
all things necessarie in this life, both
for body and soule, may neyther be
swallowed vp nor choaked with the
cares of the world, nor yet remaine
barren, and destitude of good works,
through Iesu Christ our Lord,
who liueth and reigneth with thee
and the holy Ghost, world without
end. Amen.

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¶ A prayer for the increase of the fruits of the earth.



Sthou hast created
all thingz generally,
O most merciful and
louing father, to the
setting foorth of thy
glory, so hast thou
ordayned them in e-
speciall for the vse and seruice of man,
and therefore hast commaunded the
earth to bring foorth sundry kindes
of fruities, as namely, Certeine, grasse,
herbs, and such like, to the sustenta-
tion both of man and beast. Blesse
I beseech thee all the fruities of the
earth, vniversally thorow the whole
world, but especially this Realme
of England, whose ground thou
hast begunne to make barren for the

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multitude of our synnes, whose garners & barnes thou hast made emp-
tir, and whose increase in all things,
thou hast greatly within these few
yeeres past diminished, forewarning
vs thereby, that greater punishments
are speedily hastening towards vs,
unless wee repent. Punish vs not
O Lord, according to our deserts,
neyther let our synnes, which are the
causes heereof, moue thee any longer
to wrath, or be a separation betweene
vs and thy mercie: but in the multi-
tude of thy compassions looke vpon
our miseries, remember, O Lord, the
multitude of the poore and needie,
which haue alreadie and daily doe per-
ish in this Land for want of foode,
and by turning thy favourable coun-
tenance towards vs, so increase as-
gaine and multiply our stoe, that we
having sufficient, may become help-
full to the needie, and they and wee
ende-

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endeavouring to become newe creatures through fayth and repentance, may live together in love, and prayse thee for thy manifold mercies.

And that we may the better, O Lord be enriched with the blessing of abundance from thee, graunt that the earth be not over-pesled with too much raine, but that thou wouldest sende vs such seasonable weather, whereby wee may repe the fruities therof in due season. These blessings O Lord do we beg of thee, for Iesus Christ his sake, and what else souer thou in thy wisedome knowest to bee moxe needful for vs, then we are able to aske, or any way worthy of, calling vpon thee as our Saviour himselfe hath taught vs, saying: Our Father, &c.

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A prayer to obtaine grace of
God, against the assaults of the
world, the flesh, and the
deuill.



Lord God of eternall gloriay, and ffa-
ther of endles mercie, wee thy bnefites
thy creatures, are holde, in the name
of thy beloued son
to present our selues before thee,
humbly beseeching thee, for his sake,
that thou wilst bouchsafe to sende
downe thy holy spirit into our harts,
to guide and geverne vs in all our
godly waies, and to defend vs from
all manner of temptations of this
world, and the assaults therof.

Lord

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Lord God of thine buspeakable
goodnes, grant that thy grace may
continue with vs alwayes, and that
at no time wee swarue or fall from
thee. Let thy truth euermore be with
vs, and make vs constant in the same,
that we never be afraid of any thing
which lyeth in the power of man o-
uer our bodies, but alwayes confess-
ing, that whomsoeuer thou pleasest
to defend, no Tyrant shall be able to
destroy. Strengthen and increase
faith, loue, and charitie in the hearts
of all people. Make vs able to resist
the vaine pleasures of the world. Let
not the perilous allurements haue
any power to conquer and overcome
vs, nor the subtilties therof be able to
deceive vs. Defend vs also, O Lord,
from the many perils and temptati-
ons, which the devill our aduersa-
rie practiseth against vs, least we fall
into his snares. Let neyther his en-
deoures

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Deuours, nor the wanton inticements
of our own flesh preuaile against vs.
We know, O Lord, that without thy
sufferance, hec of himselfe can take no
holde on vs, nor be able to diminish
the least hayze of our head. Giue
therefore vnto vs such grace from
thee, that wee may be willing to
strive against the worlde, the flesh,
and the devill, and such strength, as
wee may be able to bryake and beate
downe the force and behemencie of
theyz strong temptations. Graunt
vs thy heauenly light, whereby wee
may perfectly see and perceauie, those
malicious and cruell enginges whiche
they lay to entrap vs, least vnmarke
we fall into the same. Gien now (O
Lord) in these perillous dayes, the
devill and his ministers doe most busi-
ly seeke to lft vs by all meanes and
wayes possible, namely, by pride, en-
ue, malice, couetousnes, gluttonie,
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drunkennesse, fornication, and alre-
ther euill woorkes wherunto he dooth
moue vs, and by him thrust into our
hearts, and whereby (without the
assistance of thy grace) he doth bring
vs within his baites and snares laid
for our soules. And contrariwise, wes
of our selues haue no abilitie nor
ny meanes to preuaile against them,
vnlesse thou of thy mercie vouchsafe
to be gracious vnto vs, to strengthen
vs by thy power, and to defend vs in
all temptations whiche hee wortketh
against vs, that he may not triumph
over vs to our destruction.

Wee beseech thee from the bottome
of our harts, to vouchsafe to be our
comfort in all our troubles, to defend
vs against all temptations, and that
it woulde please thee, to direct, leade,
and gouerne vs in all our thoughts,
words, and deedes. So shall we dwell
in safetie.

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O Lorde, thou knowest, that among all creatures man is most rebellious against thee, and his offences and transgressions against thee most manifold: and contrariwise, euerie other creature in his kind, doth most worthily shewe thy power, might, and praise: and by them is thine omnipotencie declared, but we in our liues, doe shewe our selues most vnkind and vnnaturall children towardes thee, daily offending thy diuine Maiestie, and every minute transgressing against thy lawes and commandements, nothing regarding thy iudgements, which might in a moment destroy vs. But thou O Lord in thy mercy dost vouchsafe notwithstanding to spare vs, admonishing vs to repentance and newnesse of life, that through our faythfull conuersion wee may bee saued. Raisle vs vp therefore, good Lord, from

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From our drousie sluggishnesse, and
carelesse securitie. suffer vs not a-
ny longer to swallow and tumble our
selues in our gricous iniquities.
Let not sinne haue so much power o-
uer vs, or increase in vs. Destroy
and ouerthrow satan and his wile
polices. Roote out of our harts, all
woorkes of the wold, wicked moti-
ons of the flesh, and pernicious prac-
tises of the devill, that we may no
longer offend thy goodnes, and plant
in vs such good thoughts, good mo-
tions, and good endeouours, that we
may diligently serue thee in all things
according to thy will, and embrace
with willingnes thy holie Word, to
the comfort of our soules, and set-
ting forth of thy glory.

Open thy bountifull handes, O
Lord, and blesse vs with all good
gifts, give vs obedient harts & wil-
ling mindes, to search and seeke out
the

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the truth of thy holie word, stregthen vs with constancie in the same, that in all thinges we may leade our liues accordingly, not as professours alone, but as faithfull performers of the same, to the vter diligence of our power. Confirme and stablish vs in all good works, that wee may as true Christians, sowe such seedes of thy knowne truthe, that others, from whom the brightnes of thy Gospel hath beene concealed, and kept vnknowne, may by our good example take such happie fruities thereof, that they may knowe thee, and be brought home to thy folde as lost sheepe. Wes thou, O Lord, our Shepheard, and let vs be the sheepe of thy folds, and remaine in thy protection, both now and alwaies to the end. Increase the number of faithfull, diligent, & carefull Ministers, Preachers, and distributers of thy holy worde and sacraments,

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traments, and gine vnto them a sin-
gle hart towards thee. Let them not
be such as doo onely preach and teach
thy word with the lyppes and tongue,
and haue they harts farre from thes,
but that they inwardly with all there
soule, in perfitt fayth cleane vnto thes,
and thy truch, and accordingly shewe
the same in their life and conuersatis-
on. Digne also out of thy Church
all buyers and sellers, and such as
like rauening woulues seke to liue
by the spople of thy sheepe. Cast out
O Lord, wee pray thee, such idle Pas-
tors as are crept into thy Church,
who more respecting gaine thene grace,
employ they studie for promotion,
and leaue the flock vnsedde whiche is
vnder their charge. Lord of thy vns-
speakeable mercie deliuer vs from
such carelesse kepers, & blind guides,
least wee also beeing made blinde by
their negligence, may be kept blinde

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In ignorance, and so with them, fall
into the dangerous pit of thy deepe
and heauie displeasure.

Reharse and pardon vs all our of-
fences, teach vs to serue thee as we
ought, make strong our faith & hope
in thee, endue vs with thy heauenlie
light, that wee may perfectly see our
soule and manifold enormities, and
examining our owne consciences, and
discerning our imperfections, wee
may learne to amend our liues.

Make vs willing followers of
thee, and diligent louers of thy lawe.
Make vs penitent for our sins past,
and continue in vs thy feare. Let vs
not fall into any manner of temptation,
but by thy myghtie power deli-
uer vs from all euill. To thee alone
O Lord, belongeth mercy and for-
givenesse, and thou onely art our lo-
ning Haniour. Purge vs, and make
vs cleane, that wee may bee found
chosen.

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chosen vessels, fit to serue thee in this life, and after, to obtaine perfitt saluation at thy mercifull hands, and enjoy everlastinge rest in thy celestiall habitation, prepared for thy faithfull and elect peop'le, and with thy holy and blessed Angels, may long prayse unto thy holy name for ever. These blessings, O Father, we beseech thee to bestow vpon vs for Jesus Christ his sake, in whose Name we pray unto thee as he himselfe in his Gospell hath taught vs: O our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be doone in earth as it is in heauen, &c.

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A godlie prayer for Christian patience.



Gracious G D and most mercifull Father, which art the strength of the weake, the health of the sick, the comfort and stay of the feble, the ioy and refuge of the troubled, the helpe of the afflicted, the life of such as put their trust in thee, the God of patience & consolation: thou knowest our weaknes & all our infirmities, how that wee are by nature fearful, & of no courage to withstand the force of our enemies, the temptations and troubles of this wicked worlde, which sathan & his ministers daily

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dayly stirreth vp against thy children,
vnlesse thou, O Lord, with thy migh-
tie armes defend vs. Unto thee, (O
Lord) do wee flie, beseeching thee to
keepe vs sound in faith, stedfast in
hope, & constant in patience, whens-
soeuer it shall please thy diaine Mas-
tie to visite vs with any kinde of
temptation or affliction. O Lord we
beseech thee to gine vs grace, quietly
and ioyfully to suffer thy facherly
hand and louing correction layd vpon
vs; and grant vs patience, that
we may cast our hope and confidence
vpon thee in all our troubles and ad-
uersties, and never to thinke that
thou art angrie when thou punishest
vs: but alwayes to perswade our
selues, that whom thou louest thou
correctest for their amendment. For
tribulation bringeth forth patience:
patience, experience: and experience
hope: and hope maketh not ashamed.

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Therefore doe wee crie vnto thee (O God) to assist vs with patience, that wee may abide constant in thy feare with faith.

Give vs at all times, in our trou-
bles & afflictions, a tast of thy fatherly
affection towards vs, that we may
be strengthened with al might, throghe
thy gloriouse power, vnto all pati-
ence & suffering: and evermore praise
thee, bee it in prosperitie or aduersitie.
Give vs godly and patient mindes,
wee beseech thee, O Lord, that wee
wonder not when wee are tryed by
fire, as though some straunge thing
were come vnto vs, but rather let vs
reioyce that we be partakers of the
afflictions of Christ, that when his
glory appeareth, we may reioyce and
bee glad, and that throught patience
wee may runne to the battell that is
before vs, looking vnto Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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A prayer to be sayd before the receiving of the Sacra- ment.


Lord Jesus Christ,
which art the sweete
comfort of all that call
vpon thee, and the sure
succour of all such as
sue unto thee; behold
me a most sinfull creature, and foule
offender, which bowing the knees
of my heart with all humility before
thee, confesse vnfainedly, that I am
not worthy to entertaine and receive
thee into my sinfull & vncleane house.
Neuerthelesse, most louing Lord,
which hast sayd, that who so eateheth
thy flesh, and drinkeheth thy bloud, shall
dwell in thee, and thou in him, haue
mercy vpon me, O haue mercy vpon

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me most mercifull Sauisour, and behold me most miserable sinner, p^repared at this p^resent, not only to let thes in vnder the rofe of my mouth, but also to lodge thes in the house of my hart. O bountifull Jesu, be my gracious Redemeer, and graunt that I receiue not the Sacrament of thy body and blood vnworthily, purchasing thereby vnto my selfe death and damnation, but rather be made thorough faith in thes, a worthy receiuer, and a meete member of thy blessed bodie. Grant this I beseech thes, for thine owne mercy sake. Amen.

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A prayer to be sayd, after the receiving of the Sacra- ment.



Swete Sauour,
which with thy pre-
cious salue of com-
passion, curest the
foule & filthy sores
of our sinnes, and
prouidest for vs all
necessarie preseruatiues against the
poyson of louie-infecting malicio-
ness, heare I beseech thes, the hum-
ble supplication of me thy poore ser-
uant, whiche haere present my selfe
before thes at this present, and grant
that this my receiuing of the sacra-
ment of thy blessed bodye and blood,
may bee a true testimonie vnto my
conscience, that I haue through faith

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in thee, receiued full remission of all
my sinnes and offences past: and am
now become as it were a new crea-
ture in thy sight: I beseech thee like-
wise grant, that casting away all my
former works of wickednes, I may
henceforth walke in newnes of life,
and godly conuersation, bringing
forth such fruits of true conuersion,
as may make others by my example
to honour and praise thy holy name.
And that running the whole race of
my life in dutifull obedience toward
thee, I may when it shall please thee
to thinke meit, be receiued among the
number of thine elect, into that euer-
lasting happiness wherewe shall
be perfect in holines.

Amen.

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A prayer against whoredome and vncleanness.



God which by thy
holē word hast com-
maunded, that for
the auoiding of the
filthy sinne of for-
nicatiō, eucry man
shoulde haue his
lawfull wife, and every woman en-
joy her lawfull husband, threatening
death and damnation to all such as
seeke to liue contrary to thy comman-
dement herein, I humbly beseech
thee for Christ's sake, that thou wile
mortifie & kill in mee all carnall con-
cupisence, filthy motions, and fleshly
desires, by the operation of thy holē
Spirite in mee, that I never de-
file cyther my bodie or soule in this
lōchē

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Lothsome and striking sin of whiche
dome, adulterie, fornication, incest,
or other vncleannes of bodie what-
soeuer, but living purely and vnpol-
luted therewith all the daies of my
life, I may practise to please thee in
all my proceedings. I know, O Lord
that flesh and bloud, (that is, the fil-
thy vncleane workes of flesh & bloud)
cannot enter into thy habitation, nor
yet possesse any portion in thine euer-
lasting kingdome of glory, and ther-
fore, whensoeuer the deuill, his wic-
ked members, the world or the flesh,
shall tempt and prouoke mee to the
preparation hereof, give me power
and strength to withstand their sa-
faults, & put into my minde to con-
sider, that thine eyes doe behold mee,
and thy holy Angels looke vpon me,
also, that the horrible company of de-
uels compasse me about, readie to re-
gister my filthy fact in a booke of mes-
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moials, against the great day of the Lord. And so by thy gracious assistance, and these good considerations, I may bee partly terrified, and partly ashamed for euer to commit the same, knowing that thou who sparest not the former world, but destroyest Sodome and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone from heauen, the whole world with water, the Cittie of the Sicheinites with the edge of the sword, and the Children of Israell at sundrie times slaying infinite millions for this horrible vice, wilst not spare mee a most wicked and abominable sinner, if I commit the like offence. Wherefore blessed Father, suffer mee not thy deere Childe in Jesus Christ, bought with thy most precious blood, to bee once spotted, stayne, or blemished, euer in bodie or minde, with this filthy stinking sinne of whoredome and

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and fornication, that I appearing cleane in thy sight, may after this life ended, live with thee, thy sonne Jesus Christ, and the holy Ghost: one true and everliving God world without end. Amen.

¶ A prayer against covetousnes and ambition.

Olmightie God and most mercifull Father, who hast commaunded every man to labour and trauaile in his vocation and calling, thereto to releeue his necessities, and to maintaine his estate, and hast promised thereto my blessing. Blesse I beseech thee all my actions & labours, whitch I shall at any time take in hand in thy name, that thereby I receiuing sufficient sustentation and main-

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mainntenance for mine estate and calling, may bee free from the infatiable desires of couetousnes, ambition, auarice, and all desire of all unlawfull gaine, knowing, that those that desire to be rich, fall into diuers temptations & snares of the devill. From which contagious infection, I beseech thee so much more warily to keepe mee, by how much moxe I find the same forbidden in thy holy word. Thy holy Apostle calleth it idolatry, worshipping of Idols, & the root of all euill, excluding them out of the kingdome of heauen that bee infected therewith. And thy deere sonne Iesus Christ calleth vs that it shall bee easier for the Cammell to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man (that is, a couetous rich man, whose affiance is in his riches) to enter into the kingdome of heauen. Wherefore (good Father) keepe mee

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Far from this filthy vice of covetous-
nesse and abition, and graunt that I
hauing food for my body, and clothes
for my backe, with all other necessa-
rits incident to this life, may be well
contented therewith, not coueting
or desiring any more, and al the daies
of my life, in true simplicitie of heart,
may give thee praise and thankes for
the same. Finally, graunt that I see-
king the kingdom of heauen and the
righteousnes thercof, (as thou hast
commaunded vs in thy holy word)
may receiue the reward of thy pro-
mise, that is, all thinges necessary for
this life, and in the life to come ever-
lasting glory, thorow Iesus Christ
our saviour, to whom with thee and
the holy ghost, these persons and one
God, be all praise, honour, and glory,
both now and for euer. Amen.

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¶ A prayer against vsuall and common swearing.



¶ Almighty God and most louing father, in thy holy word the word of truth, thou sayest that the man who vseth to sweare much, is accursed, and the plague shall never depart from his house, and in thy holy Gospell hath said, that we shall render accounts at the day of iudgment of euerie idle word that wee speake. Oh how much more shall wee give accounts of every prophane blasphemous and blodie oath, that wee sweare: And therfore to the end, wee might auoide thy vengeance against that day, thou hast comman- ded vs not to sweare at all, but that
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communication be yea, yea, nay, nay,
for whatsoeuer is moze, then that,
cammeth of euill. Wherfore, I beseech thee (god Lord) in the bowels
of thy mercy, so to dispose and order
my congue, and meuth (the vse
Whereof thou hast gwen mee above
other creatures, to gloriue thee with-
all) that thereby I abuse not blas-
phemie nor thy holy name. For true
it is, O Lord, that swearers and
blasphemers of thy holy name, as
much as iþeth in them, doe crucifie
thy sonne a fresh, and are as guiltie
of his blood as Judas that betrayed
him, or the cursed Jewes that slew
him.

And seeing that to swaþe by þis
whose blessed name is never to bee
thought of, nor yet once called into
question, but with great reverence,
feare, and dread, is most horrible
blasphemie, and to swaþe by anie
crea-

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creature else, is most detestible idolatry, keepe me I beseeche thee, from all manner of vnlawfull swearing, and from all wicked bloody oathes, that both my hart, tongue, & mouth, and all partes else, both of bodye and soule, may be instruments of prayse, to set forth thy glory all the daies of my life, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer against pride,

O Lord, thou hast in thy holy Gospel commanded vs by all meanes possible to eschew the filthy vice of pride, (which is a certainte rebellion of the hart against thee) and above all things to embrase, and euer hold fast the anker of humilitie. ¶ perfect patterne wherof we may earne

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learne in thes. (Oh blessed Saviour)
who wast humble, lowly, courteous,
gentle, mercifull, pitifull, full of com-
passion and all godnesse, not disday-
ning the vilest person, or lothsomest
lazer that ever liued if hee faithfully
believed in thes. Thou humblest thy
selfe, that wee might be exalted, thou
becamnest poore, to make vs rich,
thou camnest downe to the earth to
liue in humilitie that wee might bee
exalted, to liue in felicitie.

Thou wast poore in estate, meane
in attire, and base in all things before
the world, in respect of thy humanis-
tie, but before thy heauenly Father,
in respect of thy deitie most magnifi-
call, and gloriouſ. And therefore
not without cause ihou biddest vs
learne of thes; saying: Learne of me
for I am humble and lowly, and
your soules shall liue. Thou ouer-
thowest the proud in their owne
magis-

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imagination, and giuest grace to the
humble, yea thou so much abhorrest
pride, that thou iudgeth them to e-
uerlasting damnation that offend
therein.

If wee would consider with our
selues our owne miserie, wee should
haue no cause to rise vp into pride.
For in respect of our bodies are wee
any thing else, then vile dung and a-
shes? and in respect of our soules, til
they be regenerate, by the spirite of
God are they not bondslaues to sa-
than, receptacles to fiends, and sub-
iect to euerlasting damnation? What
haue wee now that wee haue not re-
ceiued? For wheresof may wee bee
proud? Wherefore (O my God)
I beseech thee who art the true mir-
rour of all humilitie, giue me the spi-
rit of meeknes, humbienes, and low-
lines of hart, and keepe mee from all
filthy pride and arrogancy of bodie

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or mind, that I never lift vp my selfe
into pride against thee, or thinke of
my selfe, aboue that whiche I am of
my selfe, but that I casting downe
my selfe, and distrusting mine owne
worthyness, may be by thee advanced
to eternall glori. Grant that those
things, whiche thou gauest me for ne-
cessities sake only (as thou didst my
apparrell to hide my shame withall)
may never be abused of me as instruc-
ments of wickednesse. And those
thiuges whiche thou gaest mee to
praise and gloriifie thes with all, as
thou diddest my hart, my tongue and
mouth, I never abuse to thy dishon-
our. And as it may please thee to
indue mee with this true humilitie of
mind, towards thee, so I beseech thes
to give me the true humilitie of body
and mind towards my brethren also,
that I bee not puffed vp, nor aduance
my selfe aboue them, disdayning, or

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containing them, though otherwise
never so meane, or contemptible be-
fore the world.

And when soever the enemy as-
sauketh mee, to stirre me vp to pride,
I beseech thee, whose power is in-
comprehensible, to strengthen mee to
withstand his temptations, and set
before the eyes of my minde, the ex-
amples of thy judgement inflicted
bypon the children of pride in all ages,
as namely, how thou threwest downe
Lucifer, being a bright Angel in hea-
uen, into hell fire, how thou condem-
nest Adam and all his posterite.
How thou destroyedst Haman that
huge gyant, Goliath that fierce mon-
ster, Nabuchadnezer that ambitious
and bloody tyrant, Herod that arro-
gant miscreant, and manie others,
who through the sinne of pride re-
belled against thee, and may by these
examples bee terrifid from commit-

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ting this great and heynous sinne against thee, that I humbling my selfe in this world, after the consummation of this life, may be exalted in the kingdome of heauen, there to raigne with thee for ever. Amen.

¶ A prayer against gluttony and drunkennes.

A thou hast created man (oh most mercifull Father) after thy owne similitude and like-nesse, and hast giuen vnto him a perfect body like vnto thy son Iesus Christ, so hast thou ordained and prouided him ordinary meanes, as meate, drinke, flesh, fish, hearbs, oyles, wines, and what not to keepe and sustaine the same. And hast comandued these thy creatures to be moderately taken, to the suste-
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tation of the bodie with praise and
thanksgivung to thee, accursing them
to hell, who by abusing, not lawfully
using these thy blessings, make them
instrumentes of sinne, and so conse-
quently of damnatio to themselues.
Giue me grace I beseech thee, that I
never abuse thy gifts through glut-
tony, drunkennesse, riot, or excesse.
But that I living in all godly tem-
perance, and sobrietie, may be thank-
full vnto thee for them, and also use
them for my necessity. Knowing that
our meats without thy blessing, can-
not nourish the body, but destroy it
rather, as experience daily teacheth.
Make me (O Lord) to laoth and de-
test this horriblie vice so much the
more in respect of the filthines of the
same, for besides that it transformeth
man into the image of a beast, for ra-
ther maketh him worse then a beast
(for they neyther eate nor drinke

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Without measure) it also blindeth his
eyes of reason, that heeth not the
wickednes that he committeth. And
therefore Lot beeing drunke, percei-
ued not his incestuous fay, commit-
ted with his two daughters. The
Israelites swelling in gluttony, and
drunkennes perceiued not their gree-
uous sinne of Idolatrie, whiche they
fell into. The rich glutton drunken
with the abundance of all things
perceiued not his contempt of the
poore, nor yet their great want, and
therefore thou in thy wrath tookest
them away from the face of the earth.
By these, and the like examples of
thy iudgements, grant, O heaven-
ly Father, that I beeing admonished,
may be carefull and Quidious, neuer
to be culpable in this filthy vice, least
in thy wrath thou depris me of the
use of thy creatures in this life, and
in the world to come give me my
portion

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portion with the wicked , in the lake
that burneth with fire and brimston,
and never shall be quenched.

This is the rewards thou threat-
nest in thy holy word , to all drun-
kards, gluttons, and riotous per-
sons, saying by the mouth of the A-
postle, neither whoremongers, adul-
terers, gluttons, drunkards, nor such
like, shall ever enter into the king-
dome of Heauen. Wherefore, most
dære Father, I beseech the to deli-
uer yee in thy mercy , that I never
bee stayned therewith , but may al-
ways vse thy gifts to thy glory, the
releefe of my swone necessities, and the
helpe and comfort of others that doe
want the same. And grant that I
seeking after, not onely this corporall
foode, which perisheth, but also that
swete Ambrousia and heauenly Hec-
tar, the wold of life, which never de-
capeth, may after the end of this life
haue

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have the full fruition thereof, to my
eternall comfort, and for euer laude
and praise thy blessed name, thorowe
Jesus Christ our redeemer, Amen.

A prayer against Idlenes and Sloth.

After that thou haddeſt, O
moſt louing Father, created
man, thou placeſt him in pa-
radice, commanding him for
the auoyding of idlenesse, to
dyeſſe and manure the ſame. And af-
terward being caſt out of Paradice
for the ſinne of transgression, & ſent
into the world, thou enioynest him
in the sweat of his face to eate his
bread, to the end he ſhould not at any
hand be idle, and ſo minister occaſion
to the enemy to iuade him, for man
being idle, and inclined to Sloth, the
Devill

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Devill he besiegeth vs with thousand
of temptations, our flesh lusteth to
euill, and our minds are inflamed to
all kind of wickednes. Wherefore
most mercifull Father I most hear-
tily beseech thee, that during the short
course of my life in this world, I
may be alwaies godly occupied, and
vertuously excised in the assayres
of this life, and in all manner of good
works before thee, that my enemies
the devill, the world, nor the flesh
prouale not against me. And con-
sidering that I must render accounts
of all my actions whatsoever, and of
euerie minute of an houre, or iote of
time lent me in this life, I beseech
thee give mee grace to spend my time
in such godly actions as may please
thee, and not in idlenes, sloth, or in a-
ny wanton, lewd, lasciuious, or wic-
ked exercise, that being found faith-
full and vigilant in my calling, when
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the day of tribulation commeth,
when every man shall be rewarded
according to his deeds, I may ob-
taine everlasting life. And as it may
please thee to keepe my bodie from
idlenes and sloth, so bouchsafe I be-
seech thee, to exercise my soule in god-
ly contemplations and vertuous me-
ditations of thee, and of thy holy and
blessed word, together with thy hea-
venly ioyes and beatitudes, prepared
for all those that unfainedly long for
thy comming. In the practisung
whereof, make mee to loue nothing
but thee, to honour and obey thee, to
feare, dreade, and reverence thee, and
to desire and couet nothing but thee,
that I dwelling with thee in minde,
onely during this life, may after the
desolution of this earthly tabernacle
dwell with thes in body and soule
world withoutend, Amen.

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¶ Another prayer.

Eternall God, the Fa-
ther of our Lorde Iesus
Christ, I giue to thee
ind harty thankes, for
that of thine abundant
mercy, thou hast begot-
ten me againe into a lively hope by
the Resurrection of Iesus Christ
from death, to an inheritance immor-
tall and vndesfiled, and that perisheth
not, reserved in heauen for me, whom
thou hast taken to be thy chyld, of ac-
doption by Iesus Christ: keepe mee
I beseech thee by thy power, through
faith vnto saluation, which salua-
tion is prepared already to bee shew-
ed in the last time, wherein cause mee
O Lord, to reioyce, though nowe for
a season I am in heauiness through
mani-

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manifold temptations, that the triall
of my faith being much more preci-
ous then the triall of golde that pe-
risheth, and yet is tried with fire,
may bee found to be laud, gloriy, and
honour, at the appearing of Jesus
Christ, whom though I haue not
seen: woxke by thy helpe spirite I
pray thee, that notwithstanding I
may loue constantly, in whom euен
now, though I see him not, yet settle
my beleefe, that I may reioyce with
joy unspeakable and gloriuous, pati-
ently abiding to receive the ende of
my fayth, to wit, the saluation of
my soule. Gird vp also Lord, the
loynes of my minde, that I being so-
ber and watchfull: may trast per-
fектly on the grace, that is brought
vnto me now, when Jesus Christ is
manifestly preached vnto me, that I
do not, as becomineth an obedient
child, fashion my selfe to obey the
lusts

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lusts of the flesh, wherewith I was carried heretofore through ignorance of Christ, but that hauing my conuersation in the feare of God: I bestowe the remnant of mine abode heare in newnes of life, especially, for that I know, that I was not redemeed with corruptible thinges, as siluer and gold, from my vaine conuersation: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb vndefiled and without spot. And euen as thou haddest ordayned thy Christ to bee my Sauour before this wchld was made, but diddest make him knowne manifestly in these latter tyme for our sakes, which through faith beleeue in thee, O most mercifull father: Euen so I beseech thee worke in mee by the selfe same thy sonne, that I may purifie my soule by the holy ghost in obeying the truthe, that with brotherly loue, boyde of all fayning

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ving in a pure hart, I may loue my
neighbour feruentlie. And that I
bæring borne a new: not of a mortall
sæde, but of immortall by the Worde
of God, whiche liueth and lasteth for
ever: may offer vp spirituall sacri-
fices through the holy Ghost, & accep-
table to thee my onely God, through
Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Another prayer.

Eternall God which hast high-
lie exalted thy Sonne Iesus
Christ, and hast given him a
name, whiche is aboue euerie
name, that in the name of Ie-
sus every knee shal bow, of things
in Heauen, and things in earth, and
thinges vnder the earth: I bow my
knees vnto thee, O father of our
Lord Iesus Christ, of whom all the
family

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familie in heauen and earth is named: that thou wouldest grant me, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthned with might by thy spirit in the iauer man, that Christ may dwell in my heart by fayth, that I may be rooted and grounded in loue, that I may bee able to comprehend with all Saints, what is the bredth, length, depth, & height of the knowledge of Christes loue towards vs, which excelleth all knowledge, and that I may be filled with all fulnesse of God. Unto thee that art ab'e to do exceeding abundantly aboue all that I aske or thinke, according to thy power that worketh in me, be glorie in the Church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, worlde without end. Amen.

O God, most mercifull Father, which in tynes past at sundry tynes and in diuers manners spakest unto the

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the Fathers in the Prophets, and
hast in these dayes spoken vnto vs
in the sonne, whom thou hast ap-
pointed heire of al things, by whom
also thou madest the worldes, who
being the brightnes of thy glory, and
the very Image of thy substance, vp-
holding all things with the word of
his power, hauing by himselfe pur-
ged our sinnes, sat on the right hand
of the Maiesie on high: to whom
thou saydest, thou art my sonne, this
day haue I begotten thee. This day
beget me againe, I beseech thee in-
structing mee from aboue by that
same grace, which appeared health-
full to all men, that I denying vn-
godlynes & filthy lusts, may liue so-
berly, godly, and iustly in this pre-
sent world, looking for that blessed
hope and appearance of the glory of
the great God, and our Sauour, Je-
sus Christ, who liuet hand raigneth
with

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With thee, in the bricie of the holy
Ghost for euer and euer. Amen.

O Lord my heauenly father, al-
mighty and euerlasting God, which
hast safely brought mee to the begin-
ning of this day, defend mee in the
same with thy mighty power, and
graunt that this day I fall into no
troune, neither runne into any kinde
of danger: but that all my doings
may bee ordered by thy gouernance,
to doe alwaies that is righteous in
thy sight, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I com-
mend James our King, and all his
faithful Counsellors, namely M. M.
my selfe wholy, my wife, children.
and whole family, and thy bniuersall
Church: for thou hast redemeed vs
O Lord our God.

O God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, giue me thy spi-
rit.

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rit of wisedom and revelation by the
knowledge of thee : and lighten the
eycs of my minde, that I may know
the hope whereninto thou hast called
me, how rich the glory of thine inhe-
ritance is in thy Saints, and what
is the exceeding greatness of thy po-
wer to vs ward, which beleue ac-
cording to the mightie power, which
thou wroughtest in Christ, when
thou raysest him from the dead :
and diddest set him on thy right hand
in heauenlines. Quicken me also,
deing dead by sinne, and rayse me vp
with him : and cause me to sit in
heauenlines with Christ Jesus, by
whom most bountifull Father, all
praise be to thee, now & euer. Amen.

Almighty God and most mercifull
Father : seeing wee haue liberty to
enter into holy places in the blood of
Jesus, by the new and living way
which hee hath p[re]pared for vs,
throught

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through the baptyle, that is to say, his
flesh: where I beseech thee by thy
holy spirit, that I draw nigh vnto a
a true hart, in assurance of faith: that
I being sprinkled in my hart from
an euill conscience, and washed in
bodie with a pure water: may hold
the profession of my hope without
wakering, (for hee is faithfull that
promised,) and that I may consider
my brethren, prouoking them vnto
loue and good workes, not forsaking
the assembling of our selues toges-
ther, but exhorting one another (and
so much the moare) for that I see the
day approaching: suffer me not ther-
fore to cast away my confidence,
which hath great recompence of re-
ward. For I haue great need of pa-
tience, that after I haue done the
will of God, I may receiue the pro-
mise. Wherefore all things laid away
that presse me downe (especially sin,

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that hangeth to fast vpon me,) cause
me, O God, to runne with patience
in the race that is set before mee, loo-
king vnto Jesus, the beginner and
finisher of my faith: Which for the
joy that was set before him, endured
the crosse, despised the shame, and set
himselfe downe on the right hand of
the throne of God, where he maketh
intercession for mee, to whom with
thee, O Father, and the holy Ghost,
be praysle now and for euer. Amen.

¶ A prayer.

O Lord God and heavenly fa-
ther, the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaack, the God
of Jacob, which didst pro-
misse vnto Abraham, that
thou wouldest bee the God of his
seede for euer. Which hast promised
also

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also to subdue Moab and Edan, that
is to say, all Heathen miscreants, and
idolatrous Papists, to thy chosen
Israell, and to gather under one
sheepheard, thy seruaunt David
Christ our Sauour, all thy scat-
tered sheepe, both of the Jewes and
Gentiles, that there might be one
sheepheard and one fold. Mercifully
behold thy flock amongst them, both
dispersed and scattered, erring, wan-
dering, and going astray with per-
uerse mindes and erronious opin-
ions, farre from thy fold, not know-
ing as yet, nor regarding the voice
of thy Sonne, the onely good sheep-
heard, which did give his soule for
his sheepe. And drawe them we be-
seech thee home againe, to the fold of
thy Sonne Iesus Christ, without
whom there is no saluation, no com-
fort, no health, no hope, no stay of
conscience: but miserable wandering

Godly prayers.

from error to error, and in the end
better desperation, haue mercy there-
fore on thy miserable stray sheepe, for
their shepheards sake, and for the
glory of thine own name, for the am-
plifying and enlarging the kingdom
of thy Sonne Christ, who is decla-
red alreadie in the flesh of his mani-
fest miracles, iustified in spirit, seene
of the Angels, preached among the
people, belaued vpon in the world,
and received in glory, and shortly
shall come in the same glo-
ry, to make his enemies
his footstole. So
beit.

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Godly prayers.

¶ A thanks-giving when a woman is deliue- red.

O Eternal and almighty God: thy power and might is to be praised and magnified for euer. For in the greatest weaknes of man, thy power is seene: in the greatest daungers, thy saluation is knowne: therefore wee prapse thy name, and giue thee thanks for all thy great mercies and wonderfull woorkes. Namely, Lord wee giue thee thanks for thy mercy shewed to our Sister at this time, in bringing her through many & great dangers of childbirthe, and in giuing her the fruite of her bodie. It was thy hand, O Lord, that hath done it, for it is a woorke greater then all the

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the wisedome and power of man.
Deere Father, we beseech thee euer
hereafter, to deliuer the mother and
the childe out of all their dangers as
may best make for thy gloriy, and
their saluation, in Jesus Christ.
Touching vs, wee thanke thee for
blessing our worke, beseeching thee,
that wee beholding thy outstret-
ched arme, and rich mercies, may
be drawne by them, to serue thee in
feare and reuerence all the dayes of
our life: saying, as hee hath taught
vs. Our Father which art in
heauen, hallowed bee thy
name, thy kingdome
come, thy will be
done, &c.

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A prayer to bee confirmed in
the true knowledge of Gods
word, for the reading, hearing
and studying of the
same.



Most mightie and e-
ternall God, although
thy goodnes, mercy, and
truth to mankind in all
thy woxkes doorth a-
boundantly appeare :
yet heerein chiefly thou declarest
thy selfe to bee fauourable, mer-
cifull, and gracious, that not sus-
ferring vs to walke in darknesse,
ignozantice, and blidenesse, thou
hast giuen vs thy most holy and
blessed worde, to bee a lanterne
vnto my feete, to lighten our steps

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In the path-way to euerlasting life,
least wee shoule walke in the shad-
dowes of death, in which thy most
blessed and sacred word, thou hast
fully and perfectly set forth vnto
mankinde, so much of thy gloriouse
Maiestie, as was expedient for vs to
knowe: and not onely that, but hast
therin also fully, wholy, and perfect-
ly exprest thy most holy and blessed
will, whatsoeuer is necessarie for the
saluation of mankind to be knowne,
to bring him to life euerlasting. Give
me grace most mercifull Father, that
for so high a treasure left among vs,
I may be thankfull, reverently en-
brace, accept and esteeme of the same,
as the most precious jewell in earth,
be thereon confirmed most strongly,
that all thinges therein contayned to
bee most certaine and vndoubtedly
true, not by any mortal man, but by
thy most holy spirit in man, penned
and

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and written to the comfort and bes
hoofe of man: that I may most hum-
bly, lowly, and with most high reue-
rence, submit my selfe thereunto, as
becommeth thy eternal Malesy, and
the word proceding out of thy most
blessed mouth, that I may reucrent-
ly with humblenes and obediencie,
read, heare, and occupie my selfe in
the same, to the comfort of my soule,
and increase of thy glori. Lighten
mine vnderstanding, most deere Fa-
ther, with thy holy spirit that I may
learne, cleerely to conceiue, and vnu-
derstand the thinges therein contay-
ned, which no mortall man can con-
ceiue, saue those who haue learned of
thee, and whom thou by thy holy spi-
rit doest lighten and instruc, guide
me (deere Father) with thy holy spi-
rite, that hauing the true vnderstan-
ding of the misteries therein contay-
ned, I may bee fully established, and

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confirmed in the true knowledge of
thee my deere Father, and of thy be-
loued sonne Christ Iesu, my Lord
and Sauour, throughly in consci-
ence perswaded that I haue my full
and perfect saluation and life euerla-
sting in him, and through his attone-
ment, made through his death and
passion, that I do not vainely abuse
the knowledge of thy most sacred
word, to satisfie vaine curiositie, or
bragge of knowledge: but onely to
the releauing of my hungry & woun-
ded conscience, to the lossing of my
fettered soule, and the appeasing of
my sorrowfull hart: that I may to
the end of my life, walke in sincerity
before thee, my heauenly Father, in
the comforts of thy deere sonne our
Sauour, upholden still by the mer-
cifull power of the holy Ghost, to
thine everlasting praise and glorie
world without end. Amen.

¶ An-

Godly prayers.

¶ Another before the reading,
hearing, or studying of
Gods word.

Almightie and most mercifull
father, which hast in thy
blessed worde revealed thy
most holy will, whatsoever
was expediet for vs to know
concerning thy Maiestie and our
saluation, giue mee grace good
Lord, that I may haue a harty desire
and a willing minde, diligently, and
with my whole endeour, to read,
heare, and studie thy holy Scrip-
tures, with humble obedience, sub-
mitting my iudgement, to thy holy
and infinite wisedome therein con-
tayned, and that I may fruithfully
trauaile therein: graunt me heauen-
ly father thy holy spirit, to lighten
mine

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mine vnderstanding, and to touch my hart, that I may throughly vnderstand the mysteries therein contained to the comfofe of my soule, so that my whole life and conuersation may be thereafter directed, to the honour and glory of thy name, and the peace of my conscience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer to bee confirmed in the knowledge of God.

O Most myghtie, and eternall God, thou by the creation of the world, the Sunne, the Moone, and Starres, the earth, the sea, and all that therin is, hast sufficiently declared thy selfe to be the everlasting and almyghtie God, so that these things do farrs

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farre passe the reach of mans wisedome. And not heirein onely hast thou declared thy selfe to bee God: but in that also that thou doest continually guide & gouerne all thinges of thee created: It is thou therefore that thunderest from heauen, that with lightnings and tempestes, and of waters and windes, shewest thy terrible vengeance vpon sinfull flesh. It is thou, O God, which lettest vs feele sensibly in our selues, thy mighty power and working, not onely in that, that thou hast made our bodies and soules: but especially, that thou makest vs suen of force to confess thy eternall spirite in vs, who so mightily fighteth against the assaults of the enemy, that of force we are driven to acknowledge that it is thy working in vs, and not wee our selues. Seeing therefore, O most mercifull Father, that we haue both

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in thy creatures, & also in our selues
so manifest testimonie, that thou on-
ly art the eternall and ever living
God, which raignest in all thy cre-
atures, guiding them by thy heauen-
ly prouidence: grant we beseech thee,
that our harts may bee heerof fully
assured to acknowledge thee not on-
ly to bee God eternall, who hast
created all things: but also that wee
may in heart be fully perswaded, that
thou O Lord God, doest governe all
things according to thy most blessed
will, so that nothing can be done in
the world without thine appoint-
ment, and that thou hast such a sin-
guler care ouer thine electe people,
so that not so much as an hayre of
their head shall fall without thy pro-
uidence, that thou so guidest all their
doings, that all things shall turne to
their commodity & thy glori. Grant
O Lord God, that heerof wee may
be

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hee fully assured in our harts and
soules, that we may in all our doings
set thee before our eyes: acknowledg-
ing thee to be our onely Lord and
Father, and by the working of thy
holie spirit in vs: may be confirmed
in faith, comforted in soule, and
lighened in vnderstanding, that al-
waies heere vpon earth, we may glo-
rise thy holy name, and after the dis-
solution of this body, wee may at-
taine to everlasting say, throught our
Lord and Sauioz Jesus Christ, who
liueth and reigneth, world with-
out end. Amen.

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A prayer for patience in tribulation, and that God may be glorified thereby.

O Eternall God & most mercifull Father, who hast fro time to time, in all ages exercised euern thy most dechisden with grecuous afflictions, and sharpe correctiōns, to drawe their mindes and desires from the too much loue of worldlie pleasures, to bee delighted in heauenlie ioyes, and spirituall comforts of the soule: graunt I beseech thee, that I euēn fro the bottome of my hart, may acknowledge this affliction, which dooth nowe grecuously pearce my soule, to be thy fatherly correction, and

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and scourge of thy mercie mercy, and
loue layd vpon me, to put me in minde
of my dutie towards thee, least else,
with too much quietnesse, I should
haue beene drawne through the flat-
tering pleasures of this vaine world,
from the remembrance and delight of
my spirituall ioy in heauenly things,
to haue had my unfull delight in this
vaine world, and so should haue run
headlong to everlasting damnation
with the wicked world. But that
thou (O Father) hast called me
back by this thy fatherly rod, where-
by thou mindest to let me see, that of
my selfe I haue no strength vnto
goodnes, but that it was thou, who
by thy abundant mercy, haddest be-
fore time replenished my hart with
ioy, that I tooke great pleasure and
comfort in reading and hearing thy
holie word, and receauing other thy
benefites; with spirituall comfort and

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quietnes of minde, because I did not fully acknowledge to be thy good gift in mee, thou hast now taken from me (for a time) that I may effectuallie perceiue and learne by the lacke of it, that it was thy wozke in me, and when thou restorest the same againe, I may moze abundantly gloriſke thee in thy manifolde mercies. But while it shall bee thy good will and pleasure, O Lord, to exercise me with this thy louing correction: give mee grace that I may patiently abide, whatsoeuer it shall please thee to lay vpon me for my amendment, strengthen me O Lord, that I doe not faint vnder the burthen of affliction: but beeing vpholden by the strength of thy holy spirit in mee, I may never cease calling vpon thy name, with full assurance that thou wilst at thy time appoynted, send me full declinacion to my ſinguler comfort, and thy eternall

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eternall glory. And when it shall please thes, O Lorde, fully to deliver mee: I beseech thee so wozke in my hart, that I may acknowledge the same to come from thes, to be thy onely wozke, that I may be thankfull for thy so great mercies all the dayes of my life, and I never forget thy la-
ving and farterly dealinges towards mee, but so to the end of my life I may liue in thy feare and loue, that thy holy name in my life may be glo-
rified, and after death, I may be re-
ceaved to that full toy, whiche thou hast prepared for thine elect children,
through our onely Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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¶ A prayer to feele in hart spi- rituall comforts and Fayth.

O Lord God and most mercis-
full Father, now I fully
perceive and knowe, that the
heart of man is not in his
owne hande, for thou hast
taught mee, by diminishing thy syp-
rite of comfort in my hart, that it
resteth wholie in thy power to make
ioyfull the heart of man, and to di-
minish the same ioy according to thy
good pleasure and will: for if (O
Lorde G D D) it had beeene in mine
owne power and will to haue recea-
ued comfort in thy holie word, or to
haue belieued thy promises from my
heart: I would long since haue en-
joyed comfort and beeene confirmed in
faith,

Godly prayers.

Fayth, but I cannot (most mercifull Father) it is thy mecre worke, I looke therefore, O gracious G D, for thy blessed comfort and strength of fayth, whiche I beseech thee, O Lorde sende into my heart, to fill the same with spirituall ioy, that by the working of thy holy Spirit in mee, the comfortable promises of thy mercifull protection may bee throughlie sealed in my heart, and sinke downe deewe into my soule, that I may bee fully assured that thou art my strong rocke and house of defence, that thou doost keepe mee as the apple of thine eye, as thou hast promised in thy blessed word, that thou wilst not lay more vpon mee, then thou wilst giue mee strength to abide, and that thou wilst assuredly at thine appoynted time renue my heart, and the whole powers of my mind, that I may fullie gloriifie thy holy name. But in the meane

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meane time, O Lord, alas, my hart
is cleane yoyde of spirituall ioy, yea,
euen as hard as a stone, so that the
loving promises of thy holy Word,
(although I knew them to be true)
yet they cannot unke into my hard
and stony hart, vntill such tyme as
thou by encreasing of thy holy spirit
in me, shalt mollifie and make tender
my hard hart, that it may be meet to
receave the sweet comfort of thy spyp-
rit. Thy holy spirit, O Lord, in me,
which is the assurance of my salua-
tion, doth continually send forth vn-
speakable sighs and longings, for thy
full and ioyfull presence. I beseech
thee therefore, (deere Father) for thy
sonne Christ Iesu sake, harken vnto
my prayers, and graunt my re-
quests, make tender my harde and
stony hart, by thy holie Spirit, that
I may from the bottome of my hart,
acknowledege thes to bee my most
mera-

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mercifull God and Father, and all
things in thy holy woorde contayned
to bee most certaine and true, reue-
rently embrace the same, and into my
soule takc comfort and ioy of the
same: that I may, deere Father, even
vnto my liues end, walke before thy
face in sinceritie of hart, beeing assu-
red of my saluation, through that
one alone sufficient sacrifice for my
sences, made by thy deere sonne
Christ Jesu, to whom with thee and
the holy Ghost, bee all honour
and gloriis, world with-
out end. As
men.

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Godly prayers.

A prayer after benefites ob-
tayned, to acknowledge them
only to come of
God.



Lord God, I feele
in my selfe howe
mercifully þ hast
deale with mee,
greuously I was
troubled, and now
by thy goodness
partly relefed, how
dangerouslie I was assaulted, and
nowe by thy mercie partly deliuered:
this reliefe although I must needes
confesse by infallible arguments to
be thy onely wo:ke in me, yet such is
the pride of my rebellious flesh, that
it will not suffer mee, to ascribe fully
the

Godly prayers.

the same to proceede of thee, and thine
onely goodnes: but seeketh out other
faidced causes, according to the vains
denises of my minde, therefore I be-
seach thee most gracious father, that
thou wilst so frame my harte, that I
may with whole harte and mind, and
with all the powers of my soule, ac-
knowledge this my comfort and ayde
to be thy onlie wozke, wrought in
me by thy holy spirit, and that I may
be thankfull for the same all the dayes
of my life. O Lord, thou hast sworne
by thy holynesse, that thou wilst not
givē thine honour to any other: see-
ing then deere Father, that thou hast
sent me his strength: let mee be per-
swaded fully in heart (deere Father)
that it commeth from thee, that to
thee I may render due honour, praise
and thanksgiving for the same, and
the rest of my life, that I may be as-
sured in harte of thy mercifull defence,

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in mine extreme dangers, as thou hast manie times wonderfully deliuered mee, that thou wilt according to thy promise, so continue thy mercifull ayde, whereby thy name in mee may be glorified, my soule in mercie preserued, and thy whole Church exalid, now and for euer. Amen.

A Prayer for constant perseuerance in praying, when wee are dull to prayer.



Lord God, most mercifull Father, according to thy comandement, in mine afflictions and necessities, I seeke to thee for succor by continual prayer, and calling vpon thy name,

Godly prayers.

name, I call vpon thee in the day
time, and in the night season dos I
poure out prayers vnto thee, and yet
for all that I feele me nothing releas-
ed, but oftentimes worse and worse,
which maketh me oftentimes deere
Father, almost to doubt of thy good-
nesse, that thou doest reiect my pray-
ers, and giuest no heede vnto them,
whereby I doe almost thinks, that
it is no booke for mee to pray: seeing
I feele no release, but (O Lord) this
is my weakenes in me, and the frail-
tie of my flesh, which will not wil-
lingly bee subdued vnto the spirite:
which my frailtie, I beseech thee, O
Lord, forgiue me. For thou doest, O
Lord God, see my conflicts, and loo-
kest vpon my continuall sighes and
petitions, but thou doest deferre and
prolong thine helpe the longer: and
doest not at the first helpe me, to this
end, that I may see fully in me owne
weaknesse.

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weakenes, learne by little and little,
to subdue my rebellious will, to thy
good will, who knowest better what
is meet for me then I my selfe. Ther-
fore, O most deare Father, streng-
then mee by thy holie spirit, that I
may still persenere, and continue in
prayer, and with longing desires pa-
tiently waite for thee, O Lord, being
assured that although it appeare not,
yet thou art alwayes present with
mee, and hearest my lighes and com-
playnts, and wilest when thou seest
thy time, declare thy selfe manifestlie,
in renewing my heart with spirituall
joy, stirre vp, O Lord, my dull and
sluggish nature, to call vpon thee con-
tinually, appornting thee neyther
time, nor the meanes of my deliu-
rance, but leauing all to thy good wil
and pleasure: I may in the meane
time never cease my continuall pray-
er, to call for thy mercifull help, vntill
such

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Such tyme as it shall please thy goodnes to sende mee full deliuerance. I feele my selfe, O Lorde, oftentimes very unwilling to pray, for that I do not fully perceave my prayers to be heard, but do goe on stil languishing in my sorrowes, as though thou haddeſt no care of mee. But this my dulnesſe, I beseech thee, O mercifull father, pardon in mee, and graunt that I may be rysed by to pray for ayde and releefe of thee continuallie, although I ſhould ſee no ſigne of fauour: yet that I may continue ſtill with the faithfull wſman of Canaan, and never ceaſe in hart, mind, and mouth, till thou graunt my requests at thine appointed tyme, when thou knowest it shall be moſt for my behoofe, and for thy gloriy. And that when thou ſhalt mercifully looke vpon mee to deliuer mee: I may then fully with my whole heart acknowledgē

Godly prayers.

Iedge thy godnes toward me, and let
it never slip out of my hart, but con-
tinue thankfull for the same all the
dayes of my life, whereby thy glory
in me may be declared, and my soule
reliued, through Christ my Lord
and Saviour. Amen.

¶ A Thanks-giving when one hath receiued some comfort, but not fully deli- uered.

O Most louing and mercifull
father, nowe I feele thy sweet
mercies and louing kindnes
shewed vpon mee poore
wretch, whom thou hast out
of greeuous assaults deliuered, from
painefull sorrow, to ioyfull comforts
restored. Now I knowe, O Lord,
that

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that my many and sundry prayers
that I made to thee in the anguish
and bitternes of soule, were not void
althrough for a time thou seemest to
reject them: nowe I knowe that al-
though thou seemest to bee angry, yet
thy fatherly affection still remaineth,
surely fixed vpon thy children, so that
nothing can remoue thy loue frō thy
deere children, but whom thou louest,
thou louest vnto the end, euен when
thou doest scourge and correct them
most sharplie: thou woundest and
healest againe, thou throwest downe
to hell, and raysest vp againe. So
wheras my heart was so dull, that
no spirituall comfort could enter ther-
in: nowe I feele, O Lord God, that
thou hast begun to frame it a new,
that I beginne to take moze comfort
and ioy: so thou wilst in mercie en-
crease the same in me moze and moze,
that I may from day to day, ac-

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knowe

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knowledge thy benefits towards me,
and for the same yeild due hono^r and
praise unto thy holy name. That I
may through this thy work in me, be
confirmed of thy goodness towards
mee, that as thou hast begun in mee a
good werke: so thou wilt fulfill the
same, vntill the coming of our Sa-
mu^r Iesus Christ, and when he shall
fully deliuer his chidren, and bring
them to that full and perfect ioy, for
euer to raigne with thee, world with
out end. Amen.

¶ A thanks-giving after deli- verance from afflic- tion.

Thy mercie, O Lord my God,
endureth for euer, and thy lo-
ving kindnesse towards thy
chidren, is not able to be ve-
tered, the truth of thy pro-
mises

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miseryes never faylest thine Elect. O
howe wonderfull is thy working,
decre ~~father~~, amongst thy children:
the sorrowes of death tooke hold vpon
me, and the snares of hell almost
entangled me, the dangerous waues
of distrust had euен overwhelmed my
soule: I was as one entangled in a
net, and fast caught, not knowing
how to be loosed. Thou haddest O
Lord God, so terrified my soule and
mind that I became bitterly astonied
and in extreame feare thowrone down
prostrate to the ground, my hart fai-
led within me, and all the powers of
my mind were discomfited, the cogi-
tation of my minde did so fight with
me, that I was wholly disquieted
in soule and conscience: I could not
consider, O Lord God, of thee my sa-
mour right, nor take holt of thy mer-
cifull and lowyn ypronises, I could
not bee perswaded of thee my decree

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Father, and God, noz of thy fatherly
lue towardes thy chyldren, scarce
could I find within my selfe any lit-
tle sparke of fayth, to confirme me in
the knowledge of thy good will to-
wardes me, reuealed in thy blessed
word. For thou, good Lord, hadst
for a time withdrawen from mee thine
hand, wherwith thou haddest before
time stayed and stpholden mee from
falling, that I might moze cleerly see
mine owne weakenes, and moze ef-
fectually consider thy power towardes
me. In this distresse, good Lord, and
anguish of minde, I cryed vnto the
my good lord and God, day and night
with continuall complaints & sighes,
till at length thou in mercie haddest
respect vnto me, and considerest my
request, and sent me some reliefe,
wheras I might take a tast of thy
mercifull dealing with thy children,
and thereby be stregthned more and
moze,

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more, and confirmed of thy good will
towards me. And now deere Father,
I feele thy louing mercies towardes
me abundantly, who hast deliuered
mee from my dangerous feare, and
set my troubled minde at quietnes,
thou hast made calme the troubled
swaes of waucring thoughts, which
ouerwhelmed my soule, and hast
brought me to the quiet hauen of thy
mercifull protection and defence, and
hast deliuered mine eyes from teares,
and my feete from falling, and my
hart from distrust. O Lord God, my
most louing and mercifull Father, let
this thy grace, mercy, and louing
kindnes shewed bypon me, neuer de-
part out of my hart: but that I may
bee thereof continually mindfull all
the dayes of my life. And for these
thine unspeakable mercies towardes
me, graunt mee, good Lord, that I
may haue a thankfull heart to render

Godly prayers.

due honour, praise, and thanksgivin
unto thy Maiestie, acknowledgin
from the bottome of my heart, thy
wonderfull workes in me: and that
having felt so effectually thy presen
helpe in my necessarie: I may be more
strengthned to put my full trust and
confidence in thee, in my most grea
uous and dangerous assaults, al
though I see no way of deliuerance
looking still for the like helpe whiche
I haue before tyme tryed for thy
goodnes, knowing that thou hast ta
ken mee into thy protection and kee
ping. And that I may heercof be
more assured, I beseech thee good
Lord, that as thou hast begun to de
liver me: so let me feele more, and dai
lie thy good will, and tender mercie
towards mee. Increase in mee true
understanding of thy heauenly will
in thy blessed woerde, strengthen my
fayth to thy leuing promises, that I

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in may be assited of thy protection, and
in mine election and saluation, make mee
the daily more and more to loue my deere
h[oly] father and God unfainedly, for all
en thy goodnes shewed vnto me, to haue
of my full delight and ioy in thee, to
an wa'ke before thee in sinceritie of lyfe
and godly conuersation, that I may
a heere in earth gloriifie thy h[oly] name,
and after this life with thy faithfull
flocke, possest that euclasticke inheritance,
which thy Sonne hath pur-
tachised, Christ Iesu our Lord, to who

With thee and the holy ghost, be
all honour and glory, now
and for euer. B=

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A thanks-giving for the word
of God embraced, and a prayer
for increase and conti-
nuance in the
same.



Eternall God, and
most mercifull fa-
ther, I yeeld vnto
thee most hartie
thankes, for all thy
benefites bestowed
vpon mee, especially
for that it hath pleased thy heauenly
goodnes to shine into my hart throghe
the light of thine holy Spirit, in the
Misteries of thy holy word, and that
thou hast framed my hart and minde
to take such vspeakable joy, and
comfort in thy most blessed and holie
word,

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word, and in the embracing of my
saluation therein offered vnto mee
for these thine vnspeakable mercies,
I beseech thee, O Lord, make mee
thankfull, that I may acknowledge
the great benefit thereof, and esteeme
of so inestimable a treasure, aboue all
earthly possessions or treasures. And
O Lord my God, for so much as I
wander in thy present life, among
many and infinite dangers, whereby
I am euery moment in perill of sly-
ding backe, and falling from this fer-
uent zeale of thy everlasting truth,
which thou hast kindled in my brest:
if otherwise thou doe not stay mee by
thy mercifull hande, and for so much
as I learne, out of thy most blessed
and holy Worde, that it is not suffi-
cient to haue begunne well, vniuersall
I continue to the end, not sufficient to
hold my hand to the plow, and looke
backe: I craue at thy hande, in the
name

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name of thy beloved sonne, my Lorde
and Sauour Christ, that this thy
worke which thou hast begun in me,
thou wile in mercy encrease in mee,
more and more, and continue it euen
vnto the end of my life: that I doe
not ware cold, secure, dull, or faynt,
but continually encreasing in true
zeale: I may still more and more bee
delighted with reading, bearing, and
meditating of thy holy word: I may
thereby also daily encrease in true
knowledge of thy blessed will, from
faith to faith, that I may euen from
the bottome of my hart, so sincerely
professe thy true Religion, that all
hypocrisie, vaine glory, and fained ho-
lines, bitterly through thy holy spirit
rooted out of my heart: I may onely
hold my selfe contented, that I may
hauie the eyes of thy Maestic, behol-
ding my inward heart and minde,
whereby I onely studynge to be a-
lived

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sowed before thy Maiestie, may ver-
terly relect all the vaine vraise of men,
which might pisse me vp, or the scof-
fing iests, taunts, or reproches of the
ungodly, which might else drue mee
downe. To this ende, O Lord my
God, that I may increase, and daily
more and more bee confirmed, in thy
mercies begun in mee, I beseech thee
stirre vp true and sincere Preachers,
and Messengers, who daily may stik
vp my minde and heart, otherwise or
nature dull, to the ioyfull embrasing
of the glad tidings of peace. Leauue
me never destitute, O Lord my God,
of the meanees which thou hast ap-
poynted for the increase to a lively
faith, and true zeale, which meane, is
onely the ministry of his blessed and
holie word: but make mee alwayes
carefull for the seeking of it: and so
provide, O Lord my God, that I
may alwayes haue it, comfortably re-
ceauue

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ceauie it, and sweetly digest it. Keape
me by thy holy spirit, O Lord, that I
never bee seduced by erronious doc-
trine, but that onely I may give care
vnto thy boyce, that cleauing onelie
vnto thee: I may in this present life
whiche thou hast giuen mee, so occupie
my selfe, & vse this good time whiche
thou hast giuen mee, that I may still
ooke for the comming of thy decre
sonne, to receauie me into the euerla-
ting rest, prepared for all the elect
and chosen, whare I shall for euer
remaigne together with my Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom

With thee and the holy ghost,

be all honour and glory

world without end

Amen.

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¶ A prayer for the feeling of the
sinne of hipocrisie, that wee may
direct our life according to the
prescript rule of the
word.

O Lord God and heauenly fa-
ther, which art a iust judge
to punish all them, that doe
continue to offend thee, as
thou art a ffather most pit-
ifull, to receave to mercie all those,
which giue ouer themselves to please
thee: shew mee thy grace and fauour,
so that I may be truly touched with
inward displeasure of my sinnes, and
that in the place of flattering my self,
to sleepe in sinne, I may bee so cast
downe in hart, that the rather I
may truly with mouth confesse most
hume

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humbly to giue thes, the honour, glorie, and prayse, due vnto thy hoite name: and that as thou of thy grcat mercete doest instruct thereunto by thy holy woorde, so (for thy names sake) make that the same may so ligheten, and cleere our conscience, that in due examination of our life, wee may truly learne to bee angry and displeased, with all our former and corruptible living.

O that it may please thee to dwine
neere vnto vs, in addressing and guiding our footstays, in the true and perfect way of obedience, to thy holie lawes and commaundements. Send thy holy Angells to pitch his Tentes round about vs, that satthan, and his infernall arme never preuaile against vs, but that alwayes with strong faith, we may through Iesu Christ withstand all his crafty enginges and snares, knowing vndoubtedly, that thou

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thou never forsakest them that put
their trust in thee. O let vs not be
let by the infirmitie of our outward
flesh, but strengthen vs by the vertu-
e of thy holy spirit. Deliver vs not
to lie under thy heauie wrath, and
vengeance through hypocrisie: but
rather, touch vs so inwardlie that we
may without ceasing, sigh and groane
vnto thee, by true and unsayned re-
pentance. And although wee be not
alwaies so well disposed to aske and
pray, as wee ought to dee, yet (good
Lord for thy glorious names sake,)
stretch out thy mighty hand, that by
the gracious working of thy holie
spirit, our minds and hearts may bee
drawne from all earthly and corrup-
tible things so that our prayers may
proceede of an inward, earnest, behe-
ment affection, so that we never pre-
sume to come before thee with a dou-
ble heart, knowing that whosoever
asketh

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asketh and prayeth for any thing of thee, not as king in fayth, cannot obtaine. Encrease therefore, sweete Lorde, our fayth, that wee presenlie may lucly feele the benefit of remission and pardon of all our sinnes, through the mercies and death of Christ Jesus our Sauour: and so woxke in vs, for euer heereafter to liue in thy feare, and to stand in awe of thy displeasure, that thou mayst continue our mercifull father, wrold without end, Amen.

Oh shepphcard of sheepe, seeke out mee thy wandering sheepe. And beeing found, lay mee bypon thy blessed shoulders, and bring me home to the very folde of thy flocke, heale my sick soule, feede my hungry soule, yea, almost dying through hunger, watch ouer the same, O sweet Lorde, least the rauening Woolfe doe inuade my soule, and so lay it to vtter destrucion;

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on: Wherefore, O most deere God,
be mercifull to me a most wretched
sinner, and grant pardon to him that
repenteth, giue not forth the boycce of
thy sentence, according to my deme-
rites, but like as thy mercie before
hath com in the beginning of my life,
so let it conclude the end thereof, to
remaine with thes, woxide without
end. Amen, deere God, Amen.

For as much as in this lyfe, holy
Scripture dooth promise troubles,
penuries, oppressions, encrease of
griefe, and abundance of temptati-
ons, vouchsafe, O most mighty God,
to prepare my hart to all possible pa-
tience, least I doe faint in the roote-
path, compell (my sweet Lorde) this
rebellious flesh of mine, to be subiect
to thy holy spirir, beyond all expecta-
tion, so that I may possesse my soule
in patience, and keepe the same in thy
everlasting seruice, to the whiche pur-

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Since thou hast created the same,
Whereof, O Lord, shew thy almighty
power, unto me most wretched sinner, that so long as I fight in this
wretched life: I may obtaine victo-
rie against my enemies, thou beeing
my defence, for that there is no other
that fighteth for me, but only thou O
God. Howe I say, represe the vio-
lence of my enemies, and bouchsafe
with great effect to bring into bon-
dage my miserable flesh, that torment-
eth my soule. So that I obtaining
victory, may praise thee my only
deluarer in perpetuall
eternity. Amen.

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¶ A prayer for grace and wisedome.



¶ O st mightie GOD
and mercifull fath-
er, poure into my
hart thy heauenlie
grace and wisedom.
Comfort my sinfull
soule with thy hea-
venly Maner, mollifie and make soft
my hard hart with the sweets and
pleasant oyle of thy most holy word.
Suffer me not (O mercifull Lord)
to swarue or slide from the wayes of
truthe, but graunt helpe of thy holie
spirit, that I may walke in the same
unto my liues end, & let not thy hea-
venly wisedome depart from mee at
any time during this life.

According to the multitude of thy

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mercies do away mine offences. Pre-
serve me from this my youth and in-
fancy, vnder thy favourable protecti-
on. Give me grace, O Lord, that I
may evn to the grave continue a
faithfull and manly souldier in de-
fence of thy truth, and that I may in
all my life, dally grow to the ripe per-
fection of godly wisedom, & truly and
justly acknowledge thee mine onely
God. Deut. 6. That I may onely
feare thee, and honour thee. Exodcm.
That I may cleane fast vnto thee.
Deut. 10. That I doe not after the
abomination of any idolatrous peo-
ple, worship stocks or stones. Deut. 8
Nor let me not, O Lord, harken to
any false Prophets that teach they
owne imaginations, & not the word
of God. Deut. 13.

Show vouchsafe, O Lorde God
to heare mee, and let thy wisedome
gouerne me, I know, my God, that

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no creature can truely say, I haue
doone my dutie in the seruice of the
Lord: neither is it in the power of
man (who is so deeplie subiect to sin) to
escape all those stumbling blockes
which haue made our waies so dan-
gerous and perrillous through those
innumerable practises, where-with
sathan our great enemy thorough
his malice and craft, hath deuised to
intrap our sinfull soules to our btier
destruction.

Lord of thy great mercye, roote and
pull out of my hart all the werkis of
sathan, namely, fornication, adultery,
uncleanness, wantonnes, pride, enuite,
vnnatural desires, vnpure thoughts,
lewd behauisur, idlenes, and all other
vicious and naughtie actions, which
being followed according to the
pleasures and delights of the world
in thys life, bring with them euerla-
sting damnation of body and soule in

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the world to come.

Encrease in mee, O Lord, such a boundance of thy grace, wisedome, and heauenly blessing, that through the operation of the same in mee, I may prooue a true workman in thy haruest, such a seruaunt as occupieth his Maisters talent vnto gayne, a witnesse that beareth testimonie of Christ, to all people, at all times, and in every place continue constant in thy truth, during the wholie course of this my mortall life.

In thy truth, O God, do I delight, therfore make me perfect in the same. In thee alone do I repose my whole trust and confidence, saue mee O God of all mercy, and defend mee against mine enemies.

Establish and confirme mee (O Lord) in fayth towards thee. Keepe thou my lips, & gouerne my tongue. Suffer not my hart to purpose any thing

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thing that may displease thee, nor my
tongue or lips to speake ought wher-
by I should purchase thy wrath.

Whosoever doth trust in thee, O
God, shall understand thy truth, and
the faithfull shall haue rest in thy fa-
uour: but the godlie according to
their own wicked thoughts shall find
corruption. The soules of the iust
are in the hands of God, and the force
of death shall not touch them.

All wisedome commeth from the
Lord, and hath beene with him al-
wates, and is with him from the be-
gining. Eccles. 1. The feare of the
Lord doth expell sinne. Lord of thy
mercy grant mee thy heauenly wise-
dome, whereby I may trulie learne
to knowe thee rightly, and bee dili-
gent to perforne thy precepts effec-
tuallie.

Lord leue mee not in my young
daies, let thy wisedome enter into my
hart,

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hart, and make her habitation in my
soule, so shall I live in thy fauour,
and perseuer in thy lawes through
thy grace.

Let not them that trust in thee (O
Lord God of Hostes) be ashamed :
Let not those that seeke thee be con-
founded, O God of Israell. Lord I
make my prayers unto thee in an ac-
ceptable tyme : euен in the multitude
of thy mercies, O God, heare mee in
the truth of thy saluation.

In thee alone (O heavenly fa-
ther) are all good things generally :
and what is not of thee, is altogether
naught. Replenish and blesse mee, O
Lord, with all good gifts : shew thy
louing countenance towards mee, go-
uerne mee by thy grace, continue mee
in thy fauour, and protect and defend
mee nowe and euermore, vnder the
winges of thy manifolde mercies, so
shall no vile temptation haue power
to

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to preuaile against me.

Such is the force of thy heauenlie
wisedome, O God, that who so euer
obtayneth the same, and directeth his
life accordingly, shall prosper and see
good dayes. Whensoeuer please thee
O Lorde, from the beginning, are
made whole through wisedom. Sa-
pient. 9. Which of thy mercie, O
my God, vouchsafe to graunt unto
me for thy deere sonne Jesus Christ
his sake. To whom with thee, and
the holy Ghost, be all glory, hon-
our, and praise, now and
for euer. So
be it.

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Godly prayers.

¶ Another Christian expositi- on vpon the Lords prayer.



Lord God, Father of mercie, and God of all consolation, who art high and iugtie aboue all Lords, and art alone king of kings, make vs wee beseech thee, to wselie to knowe that thou art, Our Father. And wee bee thy Chyldren, that wee may reioyce in this thy unspeakable loue, who hast had respect vnto vs poore creatures, and fraile men full of all infirmities, to take vs from this bondage of our nature, and gine vs the liberty of thy Saints, in whiche wee shold vodilie call vpon thy name,

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name, both rejoicing in the greatness
of thy glorie, who art alone, high,
mighty, and incomprehensible, aboue
the highest heauens, and knowing
truly how to call vpon thee, to lifte
vp our thoughts and cogitations
vnto thee, to imagine no carnal thing
of thee, or to measure thy greatnessse
according to our capacitie, but to
feare and reverence thy gloriouse
Majestie: whiche art in heauen. And
to put our trust and confidence in
thee, who rulest and gouernest all
creatures. And as we doe acknow-
ledge all this goodnessse of thine. O
our Father whiche art in heauen, so
wee beseech thee enlarge our harts,
plentifully to loue thee, who hast had
mercy vpon vs, especially to set out
thy honour and glory. And because
thy praises are great in all the world,
make vs we beseech thee, to shewe
them forth among the Children of
men:

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men: yea, let them be known among all Nations: and hallowed bee thy Name. In all the earth, that as all things are done by thee, so the praysse of all may be vnto thee. And because, O Lorde, the enemies are so manie which seeke to darken thy praise, that thy Chyldren haue no strength to bring to passe this worke. Let thy kingdome come. To strengthen thy children with thy spryt, and make thine enemies fall before thee. Multipli (we beseech thee) the number of thine elect, and increase thy manifolde graces in them. Let thy worde haue a free course & passage in many Nations, that thy power to saluation may be knowne, thy Church may prosper, thy iustice and mercies may be known, and shortly thy glory may be seene, when thy Sonne shall appere to Judge the quicke and the dead. And in the meane time, while

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While yet the dayes of this pilgry
mage endure, for as much as wee
confesse thee to be the God of glorie:
grant, O Father, that all creatures
may yeeld their obedience vnto thee,
doing all things after thy good plea-
sure. That, Thy will may be doone
in earth, as it is in heauen. Teach
vs to renounce our owne wills, and
ouercome our own desires whiche we
acknowleudge, O Lord, to be onely
euill, euen from our mothers womb.
Create in vs newe spirits, and newe
harts, that thy good pleasure may be
our will, our owne concupisances
may bee vtterly quenched, and we
may offer vp vnto thee, both our bo-
dies and soules, to bee liuing, helie,
and acceptable sacrifices to doe thy
will, that for euer we may cease from
our owne works, and do the worke
whiche thou hast commaunded, that
we may see at the last thine obedience
to

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to preuaile in this wrold, even as thy
blessed Angels, are readie alwaies to
executē thy will. And because (O
Lord) we be compassed about with
many infirmitiēs, and stand in neede
of many things, in want of whiche,
there is great affliction unto our
flesh. Keepe from vs we beseech thee
all calamities and troubles of our
life, whiche are too grieuous for vs to
beare, and arm vs with patience, so
farre to beare the crosse of thy sonne
Christ, as thou wylt haue it, a good
tryall of our Fayth. Keepe vs also
wee beseech thee, from all waies en-
ticeyments of worldly thinges, that
wee be not overcome by them, but
make vs know, that the wrold pas-
seth, and the concupisence of it, so
that on euerie side we may be armē,
that no prosperitie eyther make vs
proud, or to forȝet thee, nor yet any
aduerſtie, so cast vs downe, that we

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murmure against thee: but whatsoeuer (O Lord) thou hast giuen vs in these dayes to bee our portion, teach vs to vse it, as it becommeth vs, that wee may know howe to abound, and how to want, how to be full, and how to be hungry, so to vse the world, as though we vised it not, knowing this, that godlynes is great riches, with a minde contented with that which it hath. In this hope of thy grace, O Lord, we call vpon thee. To giue vs this day our daily bread, Blesse it vnto vs, which is our portion, and make our desires measurable, satisfie it with that which is enough. And O Lord, our God and Father, seeing we be by nature impure, sanctified only by thy spirit, and made thy children by thy free adoption of grace, grant wee may see the woake of this thy mercy in vs. Wm
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confesse it, O Lord, and we wil not deny it, that our sinnes are many, and they be before vs as debts, for whiche we cannot satisfie, but they hold vs bound in condemnation, and eternal death, whiche thou in justice mayst execute against vs. But thou hast made with vs a newe Testament, in thine onely begotten Sonne Jesus Christ, through whom thou hast sworne, that thou wilt not impute vnto vs our transgressions, nor remember our sinnes any moxe. To this newe Couenant, O Lord, wee cleave fast, belieuing thy promises, and renouncing our owne workes, denying our selues, and embracing thy sonne our Sauour Christ, for his sake beseeching thee, as hee hath taught vs. Forgiue vs our trespasses. And because, O Lord, thou hast set out vnto vs this condition, vnder whiche wee shoulde craue pardon of

our

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our sinnes. As we forgiue them that
trespass against vs. Grant wee be-
seech thee, that our harts may be so
enlarged to all our brethren, that wee
may plentifully abound in all loue
toward them, to couer if neede shoulde
be a great number of offences, what
so euer they shoulde commit against
vs, make vs strong, O Lord, to beare
with the weake, the wise with the
unwise, that by mutuall helpe we
may growe vp together into a good
measure of fayth, and holde fast the
band of peace and loue, in which thou
(O Lord) doost knit thy Saints
together. And for the whole course
of our life, which is yet behinde, keepe
it, O Lord, in thy truth and righte-
ousnes, according to thy promise, let
thy Spirit guide vs, that in all dan-
gers wee may escape, neuer to stum-
ble at thy deadly rockes of sinne, nor
to be deluded with our owne concu-

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sistencies, nor overcome with any as-
sauits of sathan, but thou, O Lord,
with thy right hand, which is onely
mighty: keepe vs vpright, and in an
vnblameable course, that in good ex-
periunce of thy long louing kindnes,
wee may haue a stedfast faith to call
vpon thee for thy defence, and thou
maist heare vs, O Lord, when wee
cry. Lead vs not into temptation,
but deliuer vs from euill. And when
thou shalt accomplish all thy good
will toward vs, according to that,
that we craue: then we shall confesse
with gladnes, thy great & vnspeak-
able Maiestie, who hast mightlie o-
uerthoworne all our enemies, and set
vs at libertie from sinne and death,
wee shall acknowledge thy ineuia-
lous loue which could not be turned
away with any multitude of our
aines, confessing thee onely to bee
woorthie bypon whom wee shoud
call

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call in all troubles, and finally that
we shall give all praise unto thee, re-
joycing in thee, and always rejoy-
cing, that in thee wee haue found
strong saluation, who alone am one-
ly art able to giue vs life and immor-
talitie: for thine is the kingdome,
the power and the glory, for euer and
euer. And to thee, O Father, with
thy sonne our Saviour, and thy spu-
rit our comforter, be praise, hono-
r and glory, world without
end. Amen.

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Godly prayers.

A prayer against errour and halting betweene two opinions.



W^th any man esteem
darknesse aboue the
light? Or doth any man,
O Lord, choose
sicknes before helth?
Wooth any man re-
ioyce in poison, ra-
ther then in healthsome meate?
Or
Wish for death, rather then life: if a-
nie doe, let him bee spitten among
them in whom there is no under-
standing, and let his name be reser-
ued to shame for euer. For all men
carefully and gladlie, embrace the
health and light of the bodie, they flee
from poison as from a Serpent, and
feede on healthsome meates with de-
light

Godly prayers.

light: yea, many wish to live, though it were in miserie and torment: so greatly doe they esteeme lyfe. Thus in all the comfortes of the flesh, man is precisely wise, to labour for them, and to auoyde the contrarie, not contented to bæ betweene both. But O Lorde our God, concerning the light of the soule, which is the knowledge of the Gospell, who seeke that? The health of the soule, which is sanctification, who wil labour for it? The foode and the lyfe of the soule, which is Christ, apprehended by faith, who bee they that seeke it as a blessing? I doubt not, but thou hast thy thousandes of Ephraim, and thy tenne thousandes of Manasses: but what are these among so manie thousandes within all Nationis, and Languages vnder heauen, eyther haue no Religion, or a mingled Religion, full of forgettie and without

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foundacion. Therefore O Lord bee mercifull to all Nations, that yet abyde in darknes, and in the shaddome of death, and bring them to the light and saluation of thy Gospell. And although no measure or time of punishment is sufficient for the Jewes, that despised the day of their visitacion, and crucified the sonne of glory, yet remember, O Lord, thy promises of olde, made to Abraham, Isaack, and Jacob, their forefathers, for they are the rutnes of thy auncient people, and braunches of the naturall Olive. Wherefore suffer them not to haile, and bee out of the way, but bring them home to the sheepfold of Christ, that they may be saued. Especially, bee mercifull, O Lord, to them that are in outward calling Christians, and yet in hart, neyther feele, or regard the treasure of Christianitie.

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They doe neyther hartily embrase
the saluation of the Gospel, nor at all
feare the destruction, which pro-
ceedeth from ignorance. As a people
of no Religion, or changing their
Religion with euery exchaunge of
time, & halt betweene God and Wall,
betweene truth and errore, betweene
life and death. Their knowledge is
not stedfast, as hauing no ground,
and their conscience as a leaden rule,
boweth and frameth it selfe to euery
crooked worke.

They are of the Church of the
Laoditians, neyther hote nor cold:
and therefore except they repent & be
zealous, are to be spewed out of thy
mouth. They as the Church of E-
phesus, haue lost their first loue, and
except they repent and returne, from
whence they are fallen, their Can-
dlesticke shall be remoued. Therfore,
O mercifull Father, I beseech thee
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make all men that professe thy name,
zealots of thy glory, wise and con-
stant to professe thy holy truth: not
reddie to take off, not drowsie and faint
in the exercises of godlines, not pro-
fessing they knewe not what. Make
them no dumb Christians, no Frow-
ters, but in prayer still fervent, in
hearing diligent, and zealous in e-
very good worke, that thy name, O
Jesus, may be glorified, and the pow-
er of thy Gospell knowne in thy
Saints. Take out of our harts the
bitter roote of heresies, let there be as
amongst vs no wormewood, or gall, to
trouble and pollute many: but abo-
lish all Atheisme and prophane lyfe.
Confound the daungerous heresies
of them that intitle themselves. The
house of loue, but they are the house
of hatred, hating the truth and em-
bracing obscure blasphemous pam-
phlets. Graunt that thy children, by
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the gifts and graces of thy holy spirite, may bee cleerly knowne to bee Christians, by those manifest marks of Christianity. If God be God, let vs and our fathers house serue him: but if Wall be God, if Antichrist bee that Christ, follow him yee workers of iniquitie, that ye may raigne with him in his Kingdome. O Lorde, the Fountaine of all wisedome, and the onely opener, and preparer of our hearts, minister wisedome to vs in thy holy spirite, that the eyes of our vnderstanding being opened, wee may behold the most excellent graces of thy Gospell, and prepare a sure habitation for them in our hearts: that errour bee not dearer to vs then thy truth the life of our soules: that wee delight not more in the naturall pollicie and tradition of mans wisedome, then in the supernaturall, and heauenly graces of thy wisedome,
richly

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richly offered vs in Christ Jesus.
Finally, O heauenly Father, keepe
vs that we doe not vnequally poake
our selues with the manifest and
malicious enemies of thy Gospell.
They are in darknes, but O God,
make vs light in the Lord, to com-
municate, neyther with them, nor
with their superstitious vanities.
But pull vs out from amongst them,
and out of their wayes, that we
may be received of thee, and kept by
thee: that thou maist bee our God,
and we thy people, that thou mayest
be to vs a Father, and we thy sons
and daughters, O Lord almighty.
Altogether put vs a part from Ba-
kards, from hypocrites, from Em-
porisers, that not having to doe with
them, nor with the marke of the
beast: wee may beare thy marke in
our foreheads, yea in our harts and
lips also, being consecrate, and dedi-
cated

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cated to thee, and thy pure service in
holinesse and righteousness all the
dayes of our life. O heare vs hea-
uenly father, and giue vs the straight
and strong steppes in thy holy Re-
ligion, through Iesus Christ,
who with thee and the
holy spirit, be bles-
sed for ever.

Amen.

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¶ The prayse of Wisedome in
Prouerbs chap.

(v.)

Blest is the man that wisdom finds
and he that doth obtaine.
Understanding, & doth know therof,
The rich and precious gaine.
For better tis to get the same,
Then siluer ready cold :
And better profit it doth bring,
Then merchandize of gold.
Wisedome doth precious stones excell
And all things else that are :
There is nothing thou canst desire,
To be compared to her.
Upon her right hand is long life,
Which never is bereft :
Riches and honour doe attend,
And waight upon the left,
Her waies are passing plesant waies
Her pathes are full of rest :

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Shee is a tree of life to those,
Which to follow her are preſt,
She is I ſay the tree of life,
To ſuch as on her hold:
And ſuch as alwayes keepe her ſake,
Are blessed manifold.
My ſon let not theſe things depart,
Nor from thine eye to paſſe:
But keepe my lawes & counſailes eke,
And thou ſhalt find them grace,
Unto thy mouth, and to thy ſoule,
They ſhall be perfect life:
So ſhalt thou ſafely walke the way,
whereas there is no ſtrife.
Thy foot fro ſtumbling ſo thou maileſt
At all times ſafely keepe:
If thou ſhalt ſleepe, thou needſt not
But rest and sweetly ſleepe. (care
Thou ſhalt not neede to be afraid,
Of any ſuddaine feare:
For violent forſe of wicked men,
Which chaunte take thou no care,
For violent rushing in of such,
As the vngodly are.

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Of them thou needst not to account,
Thou let them not thee stare.
For why the Lord with the^e shal be
At hand, and keepeth thy foote:
That by deceitfull sleights of foes,
Thou never shalt beooke.

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